

Pinot Noir, Sonoma County 2020

The Freestone Valley experienced several days under smoke in 2020, but we were able to harvest the fruit and review options at the winery. Although not a vintage for Ernest single-vineyard wines, we wanted to explore what was possible with some thoughtful vinification and filtration. The primary fermentation included whole cluster for a supportive tannin in the finished wine. After press, the wine was aged in neutral oak. Leveraging the ARC process from VA Filtration, the wine went through a proprietary resin and carbon filtration. Clean burgundy concentrate was added to complete the wine and an additional cross-flow filtration was executed before sterile bottling. Less than 50ppm total sulfur.

Cheerful and juicy with clear characteristics of a cool climate wine with aromas ranging from concentrated cherries and pomegranate seeds. Silky mouthfeel balancing earthy tones with generous red fruit and easy tannins.

CLONES: 115, 667, 777

AGING: NEUTRAL PUNCHEON CASES PRODUCED: 1200

ALC. BY VOL: 12.5%

