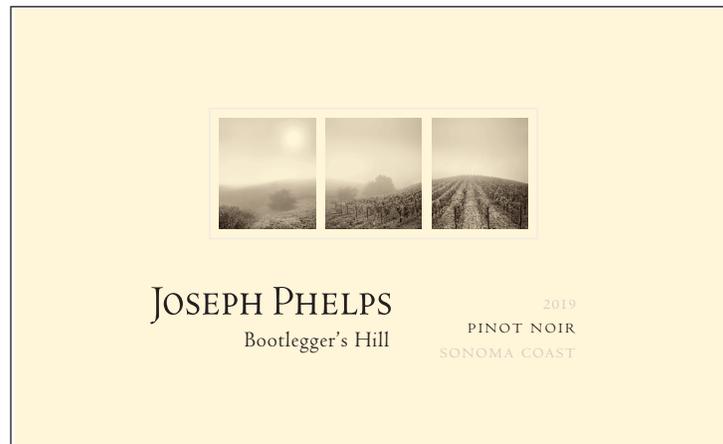


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Joseph Phelps Pinot Noir, Bootlegger's Hill, Sonoma Coast 2019

Winemaking Data

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir from the Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard on the Sonoma Coast.

Aging: 14 months in 33% new and 67% one-to-three year-old French oak barrels.

Winemaking Notes: Highlighting a favorite vineyard neighbor on the Sonoma Coast, Bootlegger's Hill is an exciting new vineyard source for Joseph Phelps Vineyards. The Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard blend is 51% Mt. Eden and 49% Calera Pinot Noir with 28% whole cluster fermentation.

The 2019 opens with jammy aromatics of cranberry, orange zest, cherry, clove and incense. A wine of intensity and character with layers of black cherry and forest floor, vivid acidity, and structured tannins. Powerful and brooding, yet refined, the finish is long and satisfying.

Growing Season: In 2019, bud break occurred around the same time as 2018 but was delayed compared to our historical averages due to cold, saturated soils from the wet winter, particularly in February. Cool weather continued throughout spring with an unusual amount of rainfall which delayed bloom in some areas. Canopy management was key in 2019 due to vigorous growth and moderate temperatures. July was cooler than average, but August and September warmed to push ripening ahead. In 2019, the quality of Pinot Noir along the Sonoma Coast was excellent with well-developed flavors, naturally fresh acidity and superb balance.

Review: 96 Points, "The 2019 Pinot Noir Bootlegger's Hill bursts with classic aromas of cranberry sauce, woodsmoke, black tea leaves, dusty earth, citrus peel and spice. The medium-bodied palate offers perfectly ripe fruits and loads of earthy nuance with a seamless but youthfully firm structure that suggests this elegant, layered wine has more to offer with time in bottle." - *EB, Robert Parker Wine Advocate, June 2021*