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FAMILY ESTATES

PINOT NOIR WINEMAKER'S CUVÉE

Sonoma Coast
2021



Varietal: Pinot Noir

AVA: Sonoma Coast

Vineyard: Thorn Ridge, Terra de Promissio, and Arnoud

Clone: 115, 777, 667, 23, Swan, LaTache

Harvest Date: September 27th, 2021

Fermentation: 90% Destemmed and 10% Whole Cluster, Stainless-Steel Tank Fermented

Aging: 65% New French Oak for 17 Months

Alcohol: 14.6 %

Production: 250 Cases



Vintage:

2021 was a beautifully uneventful vintage for the Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast after an extremely difficult fire season the previous year. Rain was minimal and weighted towards the first month of the year. Temperatures were moderate overall with no concerning heat spikes. A cool, mild Spring allowed the vines to have a healthy bloom and set, and the warm temperatures at veraison allowed the fruit to ripen quickly. Yields were on the low side due to the continued drought and chilly winter, allowing for deep extraction of the fruit, but with an elegant, ethereal quality to the wine. After a very difficult 2020 vintage, we are both humbled and thrilled to be making wine again under such optimum conditions.

Tasting Notes:

The 2021 Sonoma Coast Winemaker's Cuvée Pinot noir represents the best of dry farmed coastal sites, the Petaluma Gap and Middle Reach. Notes of spiced cherry, vanilla, and bergamot tea waft through the glass. On the palate, the wine has a precise structure, with plum, juicy strawberry, bramble, and allspice carrying through to an ethereal finish with a hint of cocoa.

