

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2021 PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Goff-Whitton is a Dutton Ranch property in the Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley that yields a wine with intense red fruit aromas. It is softer, with lovely suppleness, sweet fruit on the mid-palate, and red fruit flavors. The 2021 is the fifth vintage using the Dutton Ranch Goff-Whitton vineyard exclusively.

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

GROWING SEASON: Moderate winter temperatures led to Pinot Noir budbreak on the earlier side of mid-March of 2021 in the Russian River Valley. The year saw consistent, moderate temperatures throughout the growing season, except for a brief heat spike in mid-June. Moderate temperatures continued as the fruit ripened, and warmer weather in late August and early September enabled us to harvest beautifully ripened fruit on September 17th at the Goff Vineyard.

HARVEST DATE: September 17th

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

CLONAL SELECTION: 75% - 113, 25% - Pommard

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 10 months in Oak – 33% new: 100% French

WINEMAKING: The single lot was fermented in an open top tank utilizing both punch downs and pump overs to optimize the level of extraction from the fruit. The wine went to barrel with some yeast lees that were stirred every 2 weeks for the first 6 months of aging to add body and complexity. The 2021 vintage was bottled unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES: The 2021 Pinot Noir has aromas of red cherry, cranberry, lovely oak spice, clove, and vanilla, with hints of briary raspberry. We find lovely baking spice and luscious cherry pie with cranberry highlights on the palate. Exhibiting nice concentration and structured richness, the Pinot has balanced acidity and moderate tannins to keep it classically structured. A welcome addition to your table now and will continue to improve with cellaring through 2027.

PRODUCTION: 155 cases

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