

2021 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Red fruits and rose petals are showcased in this beautifully aromatic wine. Hints of musk, potpourri and sassafras are layered into the brightness and offer a compelling depth. Citrus notes and black tea flavors abound on the palate and typify the wine. Vibrant and fresh, the food pairings are endless from richer meat dishes to mushrooms to sushi.

THE VINEYARD

In 2001, approximately 14 acres of Pinot Noir were planted to clones 115 and 777, and more recently, Mt. Eden and Swan clones were added. The signature of this wine is its bright red fruit and floral qualities; the Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir exemplifies true Russian River Valley style.

HARVEST 2021

The 2021 growing season experienced only about 14 inches of rain, challenging the plants from the outset of the year. Late winter and early spring were cold and dry, bringing some uneven growth and stress to the plants. The canopies were a little smaller than average going into the flowering, however the weather was ideal and mild. Flowering determines quality and quantity, so it is the most important time. The 2021 season yielded an average to slightly below average crop size with outstanding quality. Largely, the growing season saw mild temperatures but with several scattered heat events. 2021 thankfully saw the return of the fog, which saved the vintage by keeping the nighttime temperatures cool, refreshing the plants, and keeping them hydrated under severe conditions. Due to the changing climate, fog intrusion has been minimal the last few vintages. The 2021 season finished up around the historical average for temperatures. Despite the inauspicious start to the year, the wines showcase terrific verve, character, and site specificity.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 53% new, 47% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.39

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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