

# 2021 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Red currant, black cherry, and blueberry notes jump from the glass in this always exciting and energetic wine from the Anderson Valley. Red fruit character permeates the palate with raspberry and cherry, highlighted by zesty citrus peel flavors that carry the wine across the palate. Owing to the diversity of clones and the well-situated site, the Ferrington is complex and has outstanding depth and layers. The extract is compelling, adding weight, while maintaining the hallmark acidity and freshness. An exciting wine that will develop well over the long term.

#### THE VINEYARD

Ferrington Vineyard is located in Mendocino County's Anderson Valley. The 70 acres of rich valley floor were planted with clones brought back from Burgundy. Six clones of Pinot Noir, including Pommard (UCD4), 115, 777, 667, 943 and Romanee-Conti selection, comprise about 27 acres of this vineyard.

## 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: 60% new, 40% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.35 TA: 0.65g/100mL Alc: 14.1% Released Fall 2023 \$75

