

Pinot Noir 20 Santa Cruz Mountain

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Delicate aromas of vanilla, raspberries, and mulberries give way to a medium to full-bodied wine with supple tannins, crispy acidity and a juicy finish.

The Science



Alcohol		
13.9%		

pН 3.64

Acidity 0.63g/100ml

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Vineyards

Bailey Vineyard Radonich Vineyard

Stats

435 cases produced Harvested Sept. 15, 2020 Released June 1, 2022 Age 5-7 years

The Magic



- 5 days of cold soaking
- 30% whole cluster
- 14 days open-top fermentation
- Aged 10 months in French oak barrels (50% new)
- Bottled unfiltered

The Alchemists

Ron Mosley, Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

The Grape





The Land

The Season

Pinot Noir can be difficult to grow, but planted the right site, with meticulous care and attention, one is rewarded with a wine that is both delicious and intriguing. Pinot is an early maturing, cool climate variety associated with the Burgundy region of France using clones 115 and 667. It is valued for its ability to produce wines with structure, density, chewy texture, and great aromas.

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This Pinot is blend of two selected distinct vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The Bailey vineyard is at 900' in elevation, with east facing slopes. The soil is well drained sandy loam. The Radonich vineyard has an elevation of 1800', with west facing slopes, also sandy loam soils. These vineyard sites are excellent producers of the quintessential Santa Cruz Mountain Pinot with the desired skin-to-juice ratios and concentrated flavors.

The conditions were ideal at the start of 2020, with mild temperatures that resulted in evenly developed clusters. Low winter rainfall resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. The warm summer allowed the grapes to become fully mature, with harvest beginning in late August. We were very, very fortunate to harvest all of our grapes with no smoke related issues. The smoke from the fires along with Covid, made the 2020 season, for all of us in this industry, demanding and one that will never be forgotten.





