

# CINNABAR

WINERY

**Pinot Noir 20**

**Santa Cruz Mountain 21**

## The Aromas & Taste

Delicate aromas of raspberry, vanilla, and mushrooms, give way to a medium-bodied wine with soft tannins, and bright acidity. Seductive and Elegant. Pair with Gruyere or Brie cheese, stuffed mushrooms, roast turkey, BBQ ribs and lamb chops.

## The Science



### Alcohol

14.8%

### pH

3.60

### Acidity

0.60g/100ml

### Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

### Vineyards

Bailey Vineyard

Radonich Vineyard

### Stats

376 cases produced

Harvested Sept. 28, 2021

Released February 10, 2023

Age 4-6 years

## The Magic



- 3 days of cold soaking
- 30% whole cluster
- 10 days open-top fermentation
- Aged 11 months in French oak barrels (30% new)
- Bottled unfiltered

## The Alchemists

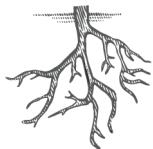
*Vintner*, Ron Mosley & *Winemaker* Alejandro Aldama

## The Grape



Pinot Noir can be difficult to grow, but planted in 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.

## The Land



This Pinot is a 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 Season

The year began with sunny skies and a warm spring. But with the continuing drought, the vineyards were challenged. The vines' response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. But the silver lining was while the crop was down, the concentration was amazing. The small berries were packed with color, flavor, and excellent tannins. The fall was perfect to take these berries to full ripeness with intensity.

Overall, an excellent vintage!

