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2021 ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR SPLIT RAIL

Our Split Rail Pinot Noir comes from the cool western edge of the Anderson Valley, where coastal fog and wind lengthen the growing season, allowing the grapes to slowly develop silky tannins and beautifully intense flavors of fruit and spice. Blended from multiple clones to accentuate its layered complexity, it is lush and flowing on the palate, offering alluring notes of juicy boysenberry, black raspberry, pennyroyal, anise and sweet baking spices.

VINTAGE NOTES

After a dry winter we received a bit of welcome rainfall in early March followed by a mild warm-up that helped to push the first buds. By mid-April, all three estate vineyards had reached 100% budbreak, with healthy balanced vines throughout the valley. Summer was dry and mild, with a few hot days to help promote even ripening. We harvested Chardonnay for our sparkling wines beginning in mid-August, with our first Pinot Noir at the start of September. After a late-August heatwave, harvest began in earnest until a natural cool-down slowed the pace, and our last pick was on October 6th. Another stellar vintage in Anderson Valley, the quality of the fruit was exceptional, producing incredibly concentrated, flavorful and aromatic wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES

From the western edge of the Anderson Valley where coastal fog and wind lengthen the growing season, this beautifully balanced and structural wine offers aromas of violet, sage, tropical perfume and a hint of passionfruit. On the palate it is supple and rich, with luxurious blueberry and huckleberry flavors framed by silky tannins and vibrant acidity.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Anderson Valley		
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir		
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged in French oak for 16 months 38% new, 62% neutral	ALCOHOL	14.2%
ROOTSTOCK	420A, Riparia Gloire, SO4, 101-14	pH	3.38
CLONES	667, 777, 91, Pommard, 115	ACIDITY	0.55 g/100 ml
SOILS	Perrygulch & Boontling Loams		
FERMENTATION	Small lot open-top fermentations using a combination of cap management strategies.		

