

Goldeneye®

2021 ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR GOWAN CREEK VINEYARD

Located in the heart of the Anderson Valley, our Gowan Creek Vineyard features a unique terroir with elements from the valley's warmer regions and its cooler, northern "deep end." Offering an ideal southwestern exposure, and an array of unique vineyard blocks planted with clones of Pinot Noir carefully tailored to each site and soil type. The expressive wine produced from these vines displays beautiful inky depth and robust untamed fruit flavors.

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

Displaying heady aromas of blueberry, pennyroyal, sage and baking spices, this smooth and sultry wine beckons a first sip. On the palate it is rich and expansive, with velvety tannins and voluptuous flavors of ripe blackberry, purple plum and red-iron minerality building to a long, dramatic finish.



WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Anderson Valley		
VINEYARDS	Gowan Creek Vineyard		
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% estate Pinot Noir		
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged in French oak for 16 months 50% new, 50% neutral	ROOTSTOCK	101-14 & 3309
ALCOHOL	14.2%	CLONES	Martini, Pommard, 828, 777
pH	3.49	SOILS	Pinole Loam
ACIDITY	0.52 g/100 ml		
FERMENTATION	Small lot open-top fermentations using a combination of cap management strategies.		

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