



Pinot Noir 2021
Spanish Springs Vineyard • San Luis Obispo Coast AVA



Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir
Clones: Swan, 828, 667, 777
Vineyard: Spanish Springs
Appellation: San Luis Obispo Coast AVA
Location: Price Canyon, 1.5 miles east of Pismo Beach
Soils: Marine shale, limestone, sandstone, fossilized shells
Climate: Coolest climate in California, coastal fog
Growing degree days: 2,018
Harvest dates: 9/18, 9/20, 9/24/2021
Bottling date: May 10, 2022
Alcohol: 14%
Production: 597 cases
Bottle size: 750ml, 12pk (549 cases) and 1.5L, 6/pk (48 cases)
Winemaker: Marbue Marke
Vintner: Rachel Martin

Certifications:

National Women's Business Enterprise, Certified by WBENC
Sustainability in Practice, Certified by SIP
Vegan, Certified by BevVeg

Winemaking Notes:

Vinification: Classic SS Tank fermentation, whole berry, gravity fed
Barrels Type: 228-L Burgundy/French oak barrels and 500-L French Oak Puncheons
Barrel Forest: Allier, Vosges, Tronçais, COF
Barrel Toasts: M, M+
Secondary Fermentation: 100% complete (inoculated with oenococcus oeni)
Aging: 8 months in 228L

Vintage Summary:

The 2021 growing season was characterized by a cool growing season and only one heat spike in mid-June. The lack of heat events and moderate, cool weather in September and October made the window of opportunity much longer for picking at optimal grape maturity. Due to the cool growing season, 2021 was one of the latest harvests in recent memory. Yields were average to above average in size. Long hang time on the vines resulted in concentrated flavors and above average acidity – especially for Pinot Noir – and quality is outstanding.

Tasting Notes:

Garnet in color with crystal clarity. A perfumed nose of fresh plum, strawberry pate du fruit, cranberry, bing cherry, violets, vanilla, and sweet earth. A raspberry attack leads to a layered mouth of pomegranate, red currant, red plum, anise and hints of cocoa. Firm but elegant tannins give way to a long pomegranate and cherry finish.

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