

# 2021 PINOT NOIR

*Green Valley of Russian River Valley, Sonoma County*

## *Bottled Poetry*

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage was one of low yields and exceptional quality. Though faced with severe drought conditions, our intimate knowledge of the estate (and advanced soil-monitoring) allowed us to coax the vines into yielding a small but concentrated crop across all varieties. The summer was wonderfully uneventful. Harvest began in early September and continued until mid-October when a torrential rainstorm brought it to a decisive close. The year may have offered a lack of rain and moisture but there was no shortage of quality, producing beautiful wines of richness and depth.

### VINEYARD INFORMATION

This is our first year working with the Ross Station vineyard in the heart of Green Valley, Russian River Valley. Green Valley is the coolest pocket in the Russian River Valley, and epitomizes cool climate Pinot Noir. Blanketed by morning and evening fog, the vineyard itself is on a raised bench and creates an incredible diurnal shift, with average daytime lows in the 40s and highs in the mid-70s.

### TASTING NOTES

2021 Pinot Noirs across the board were dark and concentrated due to low yields from the drought in the growing season. Our Gundlach Bundschu Russian River Pinot is a classic representation of Russian River Valley, with characteristics of redwood forest floor, shiitake mushroom, balanced by brandied cherry and blackberry pie. This wine is more structured and big with a very floral aroma, and will surely play well with nights spent by the fire pit.



#### COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

#### WINEMAKING

Hand harvested in cool morning hours

Indigenous malolactic

Indigenous and RC212 yeast strains

#### ALC / PH / ACID

Alc: 14.2%

pH: 3.53

TA: 6.5 g/L

#### COOPERAGE

10 months 100%

French Oak, 40% New

#### PRODUCTION

495 cases

#### PRICE

\$47.00