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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2021 HRW PINOT NOIR

Grapes for the HRW wines—as for all of our wines—are grown right here on our family ranch, just west of the town of Napa. Our Pinot Noir Blocks are: 3, 4, 5, 6, 25 and 30. These blocks are all located in the lower elevations of the property, in cooler spots on the sunny side of Redwood Creek. The climate is moderated by morning fog and the afternoon maritime breeze.

The roots in these blocks include *Riparia gloire*, in the clay soils, as well as 101-14 and 3309. The roots are grafted to a variety of clones: Dijon 115, FPS 108, 96 and 97, 828 and the Joseph Swan selection. All of the vines are spaced 7' x 5' and are bilateral cordon-trained and spur-pruned.

In 2021, budbreak in the Pinot Noir Blocks occurred March 26th-30th. Bloom was complete by May 11th. The grapes were harvested from August 26th through September 6th with an average bloom-to-harvest period of 112 days. The average yield in all of our Pinot Noir blocks in 2020 was just over 1.35 tons per acre. Though some of these numbers are due to younger vines which haven't reached their full potential yet, low yields are vital to maintaining fruit concentration in our Pinot Noir wines.

Alcoholic fermentation for the HRW wine is completed in approximately one week, using indigenous yeasts. The natural yeast present on the grapes is a robust strain that produces complex aromas and flavors. At dryness, the wine was pressed and put into 2-and-3-year-old barrels for malolactic fermentation, then barrel-aged for 11 months before bottling with a screw-cap closure.

Medium ruby-garnet. Pretty floral, strawberry and caramel aromas in this vintage. Cranberry and red berry fruit. Balanced tannin and acid. Black tea in the finish. Light-to-medium bodied. A solid, savory, everyday Pinot Noir. Pair with charcuterie, sheep's milk cheeses, mushroom bruschetta, grilled chicken, salmon, and lighter, leaner meats.

Alcohol 13.8%

Cases produced: 435