

Anderson Valley

2021



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Vines were established at Wiley Vineyard in 1972, making it the first vineyard to be planted in the westernmost portion of Anderson Valley now commonly known as the "Deep End." Wiley is a true cool-climate site, resting on benchlands just nine miles from the Pacific Ocean. This vineyard is the foundation of the Anderson Valley Pinot Noir and is renowned for its bucolic setting and finessed wines produced from 40-year-old vines rooted in sandstone soils. I am honored and privileged to farm Wiley Vineyard - truly world-class terroir — and the addition of a smaller quantity of grapes from Helluva Vineyard near Boonville adds floral notes and delicious red fruit flavors.

2021 GROWING SEASON:

Dry conditions at the start of the growing season in Anderson Valley were followed by mild weather. Following the cool early season, August heat accelerated ripening. I am fortunate to grow grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence. The Deep End of Anderson Valley is a true cool-climate region. Grape yields were slightly lower than average, and quality was very good in this vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

From the far reaches of Mendocino County, this wine is prototypical Anderson Valley Pinot Noir, a delicious combination of floral aromas, ripe fruit flavors, and savory elements. Brilliant ruby red in color, this Pinot Noir offers up a complex mélange of cherry cola, herbal tea, pennyroyal mint, rose petal, damp soil, and cinnamon spice. The luscious entry leads to mouthfilling, lightly crunchy cherry, berry patch, and plum flavors. The velvet-textured mid-palate is full of fruit, with medium acidity and chocolate notes evident on the saline and intriguingly savory finish.

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Anderson Valley

HARVEST DATES: September 3, 20, 24, 30, and October 1, 2021

RELEASE DATE: August 1, 2022

ALCOHOL: 13.3%

PH: 3.6

TA: 6.1 g/L

AGED: 10 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels [20% new]

COOPERAGES: Billon, Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED: 5,203 6/750 mL

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Signal Ridge Vineyard

MENDOCINO RIDGE PINOT NOIR

2021



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Signal Ridge Vineyard was planted in 1999 and is perched atop Cold Spring Mountain, 2,642 feet above the Pacific Ocean, in the heart of the Mendocino Ridge appellation. Mendocino Ridge is a coastal, cool climate, and high altitude American Viticultural Area located within Mendocino County, California. The boundaries of the AVA encompass the coastal ridges adjacent to the Pacific Ocean that reach inland toward Anderson Valley. Signal Ridge is exposed to the elements, which has a naturally devigorating effect. This vineyard is characterized by its intense fruit and savory notes. I've traveled the world and have seen thousands of vineyards and I've never found one that quite compares to Signal Ridge.

2021 GROWING SEASON:

Dry conditions at the start of the growing season were followed by mild weather. Following the cool early season, August heat accelerated ripening. Signal Ridge Vineyard is sited above the fog and clouds and receives a steady dose of sun and wind. Grape yields were slightly lower than average, and quality was very good in this vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

The 2021 Signal Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir is aromatic and complex, with trademark white pepper, soy, rose petal, and garrigue notes wafting from the glass. The exotic aromas presage blackberry, dark cherry, and orange peel flavors. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and intense, with bright acids and excellent focus and grip. This pinot noir is a perfect snapshot of Signal Ridge Vineyard and the outstanding 2021 vintage.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Mendocino Ridge

HARVEST DATES: September 8, 2021

RELEASE DATE: September 1, 2022

ALCOHOL:

13.1%

PH:

3.6

TA: 5.9 g/L

AGED:

10 months in French and Hungarian oak [30% new]

COOPERAGES:

Billon, Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

422 6/750mL

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift



Anderson Valley
CHARDONNAY

2020



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Valley Foothills Vineyard rests in the heart of Anderson Valley where the morning marine layer battles with afternoon winds and sun on a daily basis. The Chardonnay in this bottle is grown in two blocks planted to Dijon selections. The cool nights at Valley Foothills Vineyard allow acidity to be retained during ripening. The resulting wine is intense, with lively fruit flavors and a lengthy, saline-tinged finish.

2020 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season in my coastal vineyards were followed by mild weather. Following the cool early season, August heat accelerated ripening. I am fortunate to grow grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence and am lucky to have been spared the impact of fires and smoke which affected so many other vineyards in 2020. Chardonnay grape yields were lower than average and quality was exceptional in this memorable vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This wine reflects the cool temperatures that prevail at Valley Foothills Vineyard. This wine is pale-gold in color, with floral, citrus and tree fruit aromas. Opens with lemon-lime and green apple flavors, with a lightly creamy mid-palate and medium-plus acidity. This Chardonnay has a savory side with underlying soil signature alongside complex and persistent flavors.

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION: Anderson Valley

HARVEST DATES: August 28 and September 1, 2020

RELEASE DATE: November 1, 2022

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

PH: 3.43

TA: 6.1 g/L

BARRELS:

Aged 10 months in French and Hungarian oak (20% New)

COOPERAGES: Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED: 1,923 750ml Six-Packs

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Wiley Dineyard

ANDERSON VALLEY Rosé of Pinot Noir

2020



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Straddling a naturally sculpted ridgetop above the fog line, just ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, Wiley Vineyard is situated in the famed "Deep End"—the relatively cool, westernmost portion of Anderson Valley. Resting at an elevation of 525 feet, this historic vineyard has a gentle slope, a Southeastern aspect and shallow Franciscan soil. Our Rosé is blended from five tons of Clone 37, 115, 538, 667, 777 and Pommard Pinot Noir, planted in 1982. This diversity in the vineyard contributes to the finished wine's vitality. Encircled by ridges sprinkled with conifers, this former homestead exemplifies the sublime beauty of Anderson Valley.

2020 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season in Anderson Valley were followed by mild weather. Following the cool early season, August heat accelerated ripening. I am fortunate to grow grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence and am lucky to have been spared the impact of fires and smoke which affected so many other vineyards in 2020. Grape yields were lower than average and quality was good in this vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

Whole cluster pinot noir grapes were gently pressed into a combination of used French and Hungarian oak barrels in the winery cold room and all of the lots were wild yeast fermented. The blend was assembled in December and the wine completed a partial malolactic conversion. Brilliant pale peach-pink hue, with effusive Herbes de Provence, rose petal, jasmine, elderflower, cherry, and orange blossom aromas. A mélange of crisp strawberry, peach, apricot, nectarine, and blood orange flavors. Zesty acidity is this wine's throughline as it finishes with invigorating salinity and refined minerality. This Rosé is focused, fresh, and energetic.

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Anderson Valley

HARVEST DATES: September 11, 2020

RELEASE DATE: February 14, 2021

ALCOHOL: 12.7%

PH: 3.3

TA: 5.9 g/L

BARRELS:

Fermented and aged for 3 months in used French and Hungarian oak

COOPERAGES:

Damy, Francois Freres, Kadar, Rousseau, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED: 907 6x750mL

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift



Russian River Valley

CHARDONNAY

2021



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Plumis Vineyard is Bravium's estate Chardonnay planting, located on the north side of the Russian River near the small town of Forestville. This low-lying site is regularly blanketed by fog and winds that originate in the nearby Pacific Ocean, which slows ripening and provides balanced acidity in our wines. 90 acres are planted to a wide variety of Chardonnay vines, including selections that originated at Stony Hill Vineyard. Dijon clones make up the balance of the vineyard, with nine distinct blocks planted in 2001 and 2003. The Chardonnay grown in this vineyard reaches its highest potential, thanks to its unique microclimate, soil, and exposure.

2021 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season in Russian River Valley were followed by relatively mild weather. Following the cool early season, August heat accelerated ripening. I am fortunate to grow grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence. My Chardonnay grape yields were slightly lower than average and quality was very good in 2021.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This bright and balanced wine perfectly reflects the coolclimate Russian River Valley vineyard where it was grown. Brilliant yellow-gold color, with honey, pear, apple, pineapple, lemon oil, damp soil and white flower aromas, and a hint of vanillin oak. The wine opens brightly with lushly textured tropical fruit that transitions to citrus — lemon and lime — and tree — apple, apricot, and nectarine — fruit on the full-bodied mid-palate. Medium acidity turns lightly saline on the lively and bouncy finish of this delicious Chardonnay.

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay

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APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATES: September 4, 6, and 7, 2021

RELEASE DATE: July, 2022

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

PH: 3.37

TA: 5.6 g/L

AGED:

9 months in French and Hungarian oak [19% New]

COOPERAGES: Billon, Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED: 15,047 6/750mL

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