

LONESOME ROCK

THE ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2021

Lonesome Rock is what the French would call a “monopole” — a vineyard in a unique place, with a micro-climate, soil, and topographical profile with no twin.



Vineyard Notes: Nestled high in a cool, but sunny bowl in the Pacific Coast Range, the organically farmed 15-acre vineyard showcases a diverse array of varietals including chardonnay, pinot meunier, and an eclectic selection of 5 heritage, dijon, and exotic clones of pinot noir. Benefiting from 260 degrees of exposure and swathes of both cool volcanic and warm marine sedimentary soils, the site experiences dramatic temperature shifts between day and night during the crucial ripening period coax the grapes into gradual maturity, resulting in wines with a striking electric acidity and remarkable potential for ageability.

Tasting Notes: The 2021 pinot noir is a bright, luminous crimson, with an open-knit and inviting bouquet of griotte cherry, wild strawberries, and crushed rose petal. It gains depth and silkiness on the palate and has a lacy frame of fine-grained tannins and a lengthy finish with energy and balance. Delicious now, but should evolve beautifully through 2036.

Winemaking Notes: With 2 separate picks on September 21 and 29, the fruit was harvested by hand into tiny bins to ensure uncrushed fruit arrives at the winery. Meticulously hand-sorted and 100% destemmed berries are cold-macerated for 4-5 days, fermented with native yeast, and hand-punched down during fermentation. Transferred to 100% French oak (20% new) and aged in cold cellar for 10 months before a light filtration at bottling.

Cases Produced: 504 (750ml); 15 (1.5L Magnums)

Years Planted: 2007, 2015

Harvest Dates: 9/21, 9/29/2021

Clones: 667, 777, PN50

Cropload: 2.15 tons/acre or 29 hl/ha

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