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2021 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD + VINTAGE

Sourced from the acclaimed Solomon Hills Vineyard in the westernmost reaches of the Santa Maria Valley AVA, the 2021 Reserve Pinot Noir reflects one of California's premier cool-climate growing regions. Sandy soils, persistent marine influence, and an extended growing season provide ideal conditions for developing vibrant acidity, nuanced aromatics, and exceptional elegance. This vineyard's coastal proximity allows the fruit to ripen slowly, preserving freshness while building complexity and concentration.

The wine was harvested on September 23, 2021, and crafted with 30% whole-cluster fermentation to enhance aromatic complexity and structure. Aged for 11 months in French oak barrels, 50% new, the wine balances delicate fruit expression with subtle spice and refined oak influence. The 2021 vintage showcases the hallmark characteristics of Solomon Hills Pinot Noir: bright fruit, floral lift, vibrant acidity, and graceful texture.

TASTING & PAIRING

Appearance: Medium garnet, light-bodied with a defined rim variation. Aroma: luscious red fruit aromas of tart cherry, fresh raspberry, and wild strawberry, accented by white pepper, red rose petals, and fresh violets.

Flavor: Tart cherry, French oak, vanilla, forest floor, white pepper.

Medium garnet in color, this aromatic Pinot Noir opens with luscious red fruit aromas of tart cherry, fresh raspberry, and wild strawberry, accented by white pepper, red rose petals, and fresh violets. Subtle notes of vanilla, forest floor, and baking spice add depth and complexity.

The palate mirrors the bouquet, revealing layers of tart cherry, white pepper, fresh violets, and rose petals supported by bright acidity and a silky texture. Notes of French oak, vanilla, and earthy forest floor nuance complement the wine's vibrant red fruit core, while a long, elegant finish highlights the balance and finesse characteristic of cool-climate Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir.

This versatile Pinot Noir pairs beautifully with duck confit, roasted salmon, wild mushroom risotto, herb-roasted chicken, pork tenderloin, and soft-ripened cheeses. Its combination of fresh acidity, floral aromatics, and earthy complexity makes it especially well suited to dishes featuring herbs, mushrooms, and savory spices.

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Aging: Stainless steel | 8 months
Clone: 777 & 115
Vineyard: Solomon Hills, Santa Barbara County
Appellation: Santa Maria Valley
R/S: 0.10
Acidity: 3.75pH
ABV: 14.8%
Production: 227 cases
Harvest Date: 09/23/21
Bottling Date: 11/14/22



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