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2019 Gap's Crown Pinot Noir



The acclaimed Gap's Crown Vineyard is highly sought-after, and we were fortunate enough to receive excellent fruit in 2019. Benefiting from the fog and wind that funnels through the Petaluma Gap from the coast, and its steep Sonoma Mountain hillside, this site offers well-draining soils that produce tiny clusters of structured, cool-climate Pinot Noir.

We sourced Pinot Noir fruit from two blocks of Gap's Crown Vineyard: clone 114 was picked on October 1st and clone 828 on October 12th. Each lot was fermented in open-top tanks, with twice daily gentle punchdowns and clone 114 utilizing native yeasts. The wine spent 14 months in 100% French oak, 25% being new.

Clone 114 exudes incredibly pretty aromatics, a lively mouthfeel, finesse and acidity. Clone 828 provides depth and subtle structure to the wine. Bright Bing cherries and damp forest floor aromatics are underscored by a bouquet of floral notes. A rich satin texture exudes a touch of mandarin orange and vanilla, with a mouthwatering, long and balanced finish.

APPELLATION: Petaluma Gap, Sonoma Coast

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

CLONES: 828, 114, 4

CLIMATE: Persistent wind and fog

PLANTED: 2002-2005

YIELD: 2.25-2.50 tons per acre

SOIL: Rocky, Goulding Series

COOPERAGE: 100% French Oak, 33% new

PH: 3.49, 3.57

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

PRODUCTION: 80 cases produced

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2030