

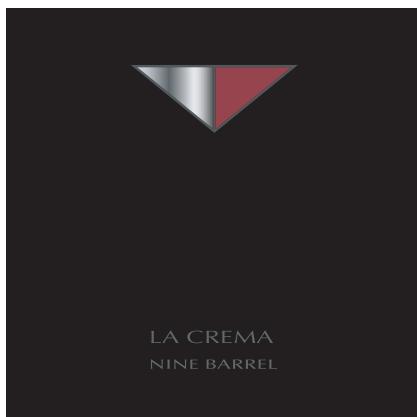
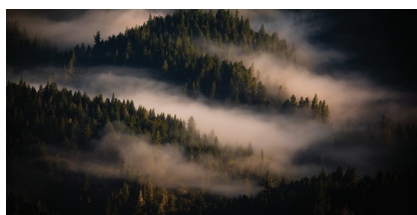


## NINE BARREL 2021 PINOT NOIR

### ***Refined. Rich. Elegant.***

*"Aromas of cherry, BLACKBERRY, and hints of black licorice. Followed by flavors of pomegranate, boysenberry, PLUM, and subtle tea and spice elements. On the palate the 2021 vintage presents plush, integrated tannins, with a balanced juicy acidity."*

CRAIG McALLISTER, WINEMAKER



### THE STATS:

Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Type of Oak:	100% French oak; 50% new
Time in Barrel:	15 months
Alcohol:	14.5%
T.A.:	5.2 g/L
pH:	3.59

Our original name, La Crema Vinera, means "best of the vine," setting the standard for all we do since 1979. Our family-owned and operated winery focuses exclusively on cool-climate appellations. We're continually exploring these very special regions—passionate in our belief that they make uniquely expressive and elegant wines.

### A REMARKABLE PLACE

The home of La Crema and the heart of Sonoma County Wine Country, the Russian River Valley AVA is one of the world's premier wine-growing regions. One unique element of the area is the Pacific Ocean's maritime influence, which moderates the warm days of the growing season, allowing grapes to ripen and develop slowly. The unique weather patterns combined with a diversity of well-draining soils make the appellation well suited to produce cool-climate Pinot Noir.

***It's one of the world's best cool-climate appellations.  
It's a place for La Crema.***

### EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES

The Russian River Valley had an excellent growing season in 2021. A relatively dry winter exacerbated drought conditions and resulted in a much lighter crop compared to average. Spring was relatively cold and peppered with freeze events both pre and post bud break. A warm dry summer provided ideal growing and ripening conditions mostly in the absence of extreme heat spells. The heat did arrive early to mid August and drove early ripening in some of our warmer vineyard sites. As noted drought conditions resulted in lower Pinot Noir yields, but created intense aromas and flavors in exceptional fruit, the resulting wines show vibrant aromatics and great concentration of flavor. Our 2021 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir harvest began on August 26th.

### ARTISAN WINEMAKING

***Our small-batch, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.***

Our 9 favorite barrels from 3 of our favorite vineyards. Estate vineyards Barbieri and Bellflower are located in the Santa Rosa Plains area of the Russian River AVA and offer some of the darker, spicier notes in the blend, Saralee's vineyard in Laguna Ridge neighborhood offers elegant floral and fruit notes along with some subtle earthy undertones. Clones include: 777, Pommard, 667, and 115. Blocks and clones were kept separate until final blending to allow the greatest range of expression. Extended maturation (15 months) in French oak builds richness and promotes tannin integration.

***The soulful, spirited Russian River Valley in every sip.***