



BEST OF THE VINE

## 2021 BELLFLOWER VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

**COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY**



### WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR VINTAGE

The Russian River Valley had an excellent growing season in 2021. A warm dry summer provided ideal growing and ripening conditions mostly in the absence of extreme heat spells. The heat drove early ripening by mid-August. Drought conditions resulted in lower Pinot Noir yields but created intense aromas and flavors in exceptional fruit. Our 2021 Bellflower Pinot Noir harvest began on August 26th, 2021.

### VINIFICATION COMMENTS

Sourced from Estate Bellflower vineyard in the heart of the Russian River AVA. The vineyard is home to Huichica loam- a free draining, moderate vigor soil known to produce quality Pinot Noir. Fruit was hand-picked, hand-sorted, and gently de-stemmed.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

**NOSE:** Cherry, blackberry, and pomegranate mingle with notes of bitter chocolate, and black tea.

**PALATE:** Multi layered and concentrated – huckleberry, plum, and cherry are supported by subtle layers of exotic spice, and toast. Richly textured, fine tannins, and a balanced acidity drives a long finish.

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ALC.	PH	TA	R.S.	APPELLATION	AGING	BOTTLING DATE
14.7%	3.39	6.0 g/L	0.6 g/L	Russian River Valley	100% French Oak, 34% new for 15 months	February 02, 2023

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WINEMAKER: CRAIG MCALLISTER

