

# ROUTE STOCK

ROUTES WITH ROOTS – WINES OF PLACE.

## PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST

2020



### INTRODUCTION

RouteStock is an invitation to discover the deep roots of winemaking in Napa and Sonoma, planted firmly at each step of your journey through our vineyard sites. Every glass tells the story of Napa and Sonoma's remarkable fine wine heritage, from the famous routes that wind between the vineyards, to the roots that produce its world-renowned grapes. An endeavor of enduring Napa-based importer Wilson Daniels, RouteStock is established as a product that consistently over-delivers in quality at a very attractive price point.

### PHILOSOPHY

At the core of RouteStock is our commitment to sourcing great fruit from high-end vineyards along well-known routes in the Napa Valley. We partner with a select group of dedicated grape-growers in the best viticultural areas for each of our varietals and we work hand-in-hand with all our growers during the cultivation season. We practice minimal intervention in our winemaking to help the grapes show their true character, using native yeasts, natural malolactic fermentation, 100% barrel aging, and no chemical additions. Our intent is to let the grapes and vintage tell us what kind of wine they should be – we never try to force the wine into a specific mold, but rather serve as a guide on its journey.

### SOURCING

Our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is crafted to celebrate the depth and potential of the combination of this grape and region. Since 2017, the three clones for this bottling (Pommard, 667 and 777) have been sourced from two specific vineyards; one about 1.5 miles from the coast in northwest Sonoma County, and the other in the southern part of the appellation near the Petaluma Gap AVA. The resulting wine is equal parts celebration and exploration of the best of California Pinot.

### 2020 VINTAGE NOTES

A dry winter and spring, along with warm late winter temperatures, brought an early bud-break and flowering under good conditions. The summer growing season in the Sonoma Coast was amazing with some usual heat spikes. There were early wildfires to the east that had no bearing on our two vineyard sources. We harvested in late August and early September, before the wildfires to our north began. The fruit arrived at the winery with ideal chemistry of balance and intensity.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine shows a beautiful medium-light red raspberry color that explodes from the glass with amazingly complex aromas of crushed autumnal leaves, bright raspberry fruit, dried herbs and some pretty French oak. The wine fills the palate beautifully with a brightness combined ever so nicely with richness that also shows why the Sonoma Coast is perfect for pinot noir. This gives way to an unusually long finish. The exotic flavors of this versatile wine come together to deliver a wine of finesse that marries fruit, oak, alcohol, acidity and the lightest kiss of tannin.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

100% Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

### AGING:

11 months in 100% French oak with 16% being new

### CASES PRODUCED:

6,426 (12/750ml)

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

pH: 3.51

TA: 6.48 g/L

RS: 0.356 g/L

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