

ROUTE STOCK

PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST 2021



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 and Sonoma Coast. 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 are proud and excited to add our first estate vineyard into our wines for the first time this year to accompany our fabulous vineyard partners. 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

Since the beginning of this wine as part of the RouteStock portfolio, we have had two consistent vineyard sources. With this vintage, we are delighted to add our estate vineyard, located in the Sebastopol Hills, into the mix. Our estate vineyard makes up 40% of the final blend and our other two sources making up the balance.

2021 VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was marked by no wildfires but was a smaller vintage. It was a nicely even vintage with budbreak, flowering, and veraison all happening at “normal” times. There was a heat burst around Labor Day that helped speed things along to a mid-September harvest under ideal conditions. We picked our Pinot Noir nine different days from September 14th through the 28th.

TASTING NOTES

The wine has a beautiful vibrant red color, a deep brooding aroma reminiscent of dried herbs, toasted hazelnuts and blood orange peel. The flavors are bright from acidity, and deep from concentration at the same time having flavors of shiitake mushrooms, bay laurel, lavender, and cooked red and black berries. The wine is amazingly complex, bright, rich, and inviting.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

100% Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

AGING:

10 months in 100% French oak; 82% neutral and 18% new

ALCOHOL: 13.7% pH: 3.48 TA: 6.04g/L

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