



BANSHEE

2019 PINOT NOIR DURELL VINEYARD

DURELL VINEYARD IS SITUATED IN THE ROCKY, VOLCANIC SOIL OF THIS 150 ACRE LOT, BISECTING THE SONOMA VALLEY, SONOMA COAST, AND CARNEROS AVAs. DURELL VINEYARD IS PLANTED ON THE EASTERN FACING HILLSIDES IN WELL-DRAINED GOULDING COBBLY CLAY LOAM SOIL. SITTING IN THE HEART OF SONOMA, THIS SITE IS EXPOSED TO BOTH THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND PACIFIC OCEAN INFLUENCES THAT COMBINE TO PRODUCE WINES OF EXTRAORDINARY DEPTH. THE COMBINATION OF COOL MORNINGS, BREEZY AFTERNOONS, AND WARMER DAYS THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS PROVIDE THE BEST CONDITIONS FOR STEADY RIPENING.



The 2019 growing season started cooler than average. As the growing season developed, the temperatures stayed moderate, causing a longer growing season. Despite a longer than normal bloom period, there was great set on the Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. With moderate summer temperatures and few heat spikes, the growing season was long and perfect for the grapes. The cooler temperatures in the mornings and evenings allowed the fruit to maintain its acidity and develop intense, concentrated flavors. 2019 was a great growing season, with great yields, flavors and structure.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand harvested and sorted on September 19, then completely destemmed before going in to small fermenters for a 4-day cold soak. Commercial yeast fermentation and pressed at dryness in a basket press. Aged for 21 months in 35% new French oak barrels: François Frères, Rousseau and Trameaux.

TASTING

“Luke, I am your father”: Welcome to the dark side of pinot noir. This rich, deep pinot noir has aromatics of forest floor, dark figs and cherry pie with soft vanilla bean that lead to a juicy entry with layered flavors of Christmas spice, green tea, cola and a hint of caramel candy. A deep, dark pinot noir with intense tannins and lush flavors that finishes with a lingering whisper.

PRODUCTION: 283 CASES

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.35

TA: 6.4