

# BANSHEE

# 2021 TRENTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Trenton Vineyard is planted on low rolling hills just south from the banks of the Russian River northwest of Santa Rosa. This cooler climate vineyard is influenced by coastal morning and evening fog, perfect growing conditions for pinot noir.



The 2021 growing season was drier than normal and received very little rain. The summer was mild which allowed for the fruit to hang a bit longer than usual. The vineyards and fruit load were managed according to how much water was available for each individual vineyard. There were a few hot spells in the early fall where some of the younger vineyards and vineyards with low water supply felt the effects. Overall, the 2021 growing season provided lower yields with good structure and well-balanced flavors.

# **VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

100% Pinot Noir; Clones Pommard, 777 & Dijon 943

#### **VINEYARD**

100% Trenton Vineyard, Russian River Valley; Blocks: Richard's Ridge North, Roller Coaster Upper, Flat Corner & Narrows

## **WINEMAKING**

Hand harvested at first morning light on September 6th and 9th. The grapes were then gently destemmed and sent to ferment in small open top stainless steel fermenters. After a 3-day cold soak, inoculation was initiated using commercial yeast fermentation over the course of 24 days with gentle punch downs twice a day. The wine was then pressed at dryness after the winemaker had decided there had been enough extraction keeping free run separate from pressed wine. Aging for 15 months in French oak, 36% new. Francois Freres, Marsannay, Tremeaux and Dargaud & Jaegle barrels.

## **TASTING**

This quintessential cool climate pinot noir has lush aromatics of strawberry jam and fudge covered bacon with hints of baked cookie crumbs, sassafras and mocha. Rich flavors of pomegranate, bright cherries and cola are balanced by a hint of caramelized sugar and vanilla. This big, muscular wine is bright yet full-bodied with structured tannins that is beautiful now but will only get better with time.

**PRODUCTION:** 465 CASES **ALCOHOL:** 14%

**pH**: 3.59 **TA**: 6.05