



## BANSHEE

### 2019 SULLIVAN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR SONOMA MOUNTAIN

*Straddling the Bennett Valley and Sonoma Mountain AVAs, Sullivan Vineyard encompasses eleven acres along a ridge at an elevation of 750-900 feet where the irregular folds and crevices of the mountain create a unique microclimate, ideal for cool climate pinot noir. The vineyard is streaked with a variety of well-drained soil material including Spreckels clay and volcanic material.*



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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 Mountain 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

#### VINEYARDS

100% Sullivan Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain

#### WINEMAKING

Hand picked on October 5th, 2019 and sorted before being destemmed. Native yeast fermentation after a four-day cold soak with gentle, manual punch-downs. Unlike previous vintages we did not use any whole cluster in the ferment. Aging for 15 months in French oak barrels, 30% new (Damy, Rousseau and François Frères barrels).

#### TASTING

This bold pinot noir is mouth-filling and lush, expressing its rugged mountain roots, with aromatics of cherry cola and maple syrup with hints of gingerbread cookie and crème brûlée. A solid, masculine pinot noir with a lingering finish and firm, structured tannins. Smooth integrated acid leads to a medium-bodied pinot noir with flavors of cherry and plum compote highlighted by light notes of savory mushroom and pine forest.

**PRODUCTION** : 327 CASES

**ALCOHOL** : 14.4%

**PH** : 3.58

**TA** : 6.3