



BANSHEE

2022 BARLOW LANE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Barlow Lane—Ana'Veem Vineyard is a small 2.5 acre plot in a nice couple's backyard, just outside the tiny hamlet of Graton in the Russian River Valley AVA. The vineyard slopes down towards Atascadero Creek where cool air tends to pool from evening until late morning each day. The high-density vineyard is planted equally 50/50 Pommard and Swan clones on classic Goldridge soils.



The 2022 growing season was drier than normal and received very little rain. The summer was mild, but there was a heat spike around Labor Day weekend and rain in mid-September which kept us all on our toes.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir; Clones: 50% Swan & 50% Pommard

VINEYARD

100% Barlow Vineyard, Russian River Valley

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on September 20th at first morning light once the acidity and flavors reached the optimal ripeness. The grapes were sent to ferment in 2-3 ton open top stainless-steel fermenters. After a 3-day cold soak, fermentation was initiated through the use of commercial yeast. Once fermentation commenced, gentle punch downs were performed two times a day. Mild temperatures were kept using only the heat generated from fermentation, with temperatures peaking at 81°F. The wine was pressed once the winemaker decided there had been enough tannic extraction and dryness had been achieved. The pinot noir was then transferred into 28% new D&J French oak barrels and aged for 15 months.

TASTING

This structured yet delicate pinot noir has aromatics on the exotic spectrum, with caramel, gingerbread spice, guava, and molasses, with hints of potpourri, graham cracker, hazelnut toffee, and nutmeg. On the palate, there is a hint of butterscotch enveloped in juicy, up front weight leading to silky tannins and a hazelnut finish.

PRODUCTION: 159 CASES

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

pH: 3.54

TA: 5.9