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2021 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 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: Swan & Pommard

VINEYARD

100% Barlow Vineyard, Russian River Valley

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on September 30th. The grapes were then gently destemmed and sent to ferment in small, 2-3ton open top stainless-steel fermenters. After a 3-day cold soak, inoculation was initiated using commercial yeast. Gently punch downs were performed 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 15 months in 40% new French oak; Francois Freres & Tremeaux barrels.

TASTING

This structured yet delicate pinot noir has aromatics of exotic berries, cherry pie and vanilla custard with a hint of bramble. In the mouth, you find smooth, deep flavors of dark chocolate covered cranberry and pomegranate with a touch of rose and cigarbox on the finish. A beautiful pinot noir with structured, elegant tannins and a long finish.

PRODUCTION: 272 CASES

pH: 3.45

ALCOHOL: 14%

TA: 5.99