



VAUGHN DUFFY WINES
2021 Pinot Noir
Fay's Reserve Sonoma County
SRP: \$75
Release Date: October 2023

This wine is in honor of our daughter Fay Mary Duffy. The first vintage was Fay's birth year of 2017 and going forward we make this special blend only in exceptional years. The 2021 is the second Fay's Reserve that we have produced. The blend is a barrel selection of our best four barrels from the vintage regardless of vineyard or AVA. Fay's Reserve is a quest to make the perfect Pinot Noir.

Having the freedom to use any barrel in the blend is both exciting and challenging. The possibilities are nearly endless when trying to find the four barrels that harmonize best together. Certain barrels that are standouts individually can either dominate or get lost in a potential blend. For the 2021 Fay's Reserve we blended three barrels from Suacci Vineyard from the Sonoma Coast and one barrel from Earl Stephens Vineyard in Green Valley of Russian River Valley.

The Suacci Vineyard has long been one of our favorite Pinot Noir sites and was the first vineyard we made wine from in 2009. The vineyard had an ownership change after the 2019 vintage and we no longer produce a Suacci Vineyard designate. This Fay's Reserve will be the last wine we produce from grapes made from Suacci so it makes the wine doubly special. The vineyard shows a fantastic combination of red fruit and earthy spicy characters. The addition of the Earl Stephens barrel to the three barrels of Suacci gives the wine broader shoulders and enhances the fruit core. The wine was aged in French Oak for 16 months before being bottled unfiltered. The final blend is 37% new oak.

Tasting Notes: Our Fay's Reserve Pinot Noir is pure and fruity with ripe dark cherry, blackberry and plum flavors. The wine's rich core of fruit is complemented by notes of clove and baking spices and the wine works its way across the palate. 100 cases were bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.5%, pH: 3.66, T.A. 5.7 g/L