

VAUGHN DUFFY WINES 2021 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast SRP: \$50

Release Date: October 2023

Vineyards: This is our first Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. Our 2021 is a blend of three vineyards that span this world-renowned Pinot Noir appellation. The vineyards are: Marshall Ranch (40%), Hopkins Ranch (20%), Bacigalupi (20%) and Pepperwood (20%). The sites represent the different microclimates of the AVA and showcase the diversity of this unique growing region. The clonal makeup of the final blend includes 23, 115, 828, Wente and Pommard.

Vintage: The 2021 vintage will be remembered for ideal growing conditions through summer and into harvest and a slightly smaller than average crop size. We had ideal weather at harvest allowing us to pick vineyards at optimal ripeness and without incident.

Winemaking

- The wine aged in French oak barrels (15% new) for 15 months
- 117 cases were bottled unfined and unfiltered on February 1, 2023
 - Alcohol: 14.5%, pH: 3.52, T.A. 6.2 g/L

Tasting Notes: Our 2021 version of this wine highlights the fruit and spice combination found in Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. Hints of fresh-picked blackberries dance with rose petals and Asian spices. On the palate the flavors follow with black cherry, tea and cracked peppercorn. The juicy core of acidity leads to a long smooth finish.