



2001 Estate Pinot Noir - *High Density*
Small Lot Collection

70 cases produced, \$30/bottle

Release Date 12.01.02

production

Enduring naturally stressed conditions due to its 4'x3' spacing, this one-third acre section has 11 clones of pinot noir which are planted on our estate. With a scarcity of nutrients, water and sun due to the increased vine competition, this section's roots dive deeper searching for food, forcing lower yields and pulling more mineral characteristics into the finished wine. 100% stem inclusion. Yields at 1.3 lbs / plant. Total skin and stem contact averaged 30 days (7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks of fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration). From the press, the wine was hand-bucketed 2 gallons at a time directly into barrel (30% new French oak: Sirugue), where it remained sur lie with no sulfur until the waning moon cycle of June, when it was gently pressure-racked for the first time and prepared for bottling in December. 15.0% alcohol.

tasting notes

Reminiscent of the 2000 High Density, a multitude of non-fruit elements such as hard spice, spicy bacon and pine immediately emerge aromatically from the assertive nose followed by bright red cherry rhubarb in the background. Texturally, the wine is much more supple and graceful than the nose would suggest, driven predominantly by spicy and meaty components initially set forward by the wine's aromas.

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