

melville

2020 Estate Pinot Noir - Sandy's Clone 828

Description

Planted within Sandy's Block (growing in well-drained, sandy soil) Clone 828 shines with lifted and perfumed characteristics, however, is even more intense in delicacy and aromatics. This clone was selected as an individual bottling due to its round and complete qualities, offering excellent characteristics of structure, color, and complexity. Consisting of tight clusters and small berries, Clone 828 ripens earlier than the others in the block, is hand-harvested at night, and fermented 1/3 whole cluster in the same method as Sandy's Block. Clone 828 is a Sandy's standout - we are thrilled with the quality of the fruit and the incredible wine it produces. We are proud to offer this wine as a Monopole exclusive for Spring 2022.

Highlights

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 75
Soil type: Sandy loam
Clones: 828
Fermentation: 33% whole cluster
Élevage: oak for Aged in neutral barrel (15+ year old French oak) for 18 months
Bottling date: December 02, 2021
Release date: April 2022
Release price: \$80

Tasting Notes

Explosive scents of macerated sweet ripe red fruits, orange blossom and salty ocean air jump out of the glass. Refined mixed berry compote, wild huckleberry, licorice root and baking spices fill the mid-weight palate, enlivened with the creamy tang of raspberry yogurt, ruby chocolate, and dried raspberries. A lovely blend of dusty earth and black tea are tucked into the background of a long, smooth finish.

Scores

Wine club exclusive, not submitted for ratings.

Technical Details

Alcohol: 13.9%
pH: 3.85
VA: 0.49
Glucose + fructose: 0.4
TA: 5.7