

melville

2021 Estate Pinot Noir - Anna's Block

Description

Over on the westside lies Anna's Block, planted in 2001 on a gentle southern slope in the northwest portion of the vineyard. This area is one of our most even-ripening blocks as the rows are planted in a north-south orientation, receiving a consistent exposure to the cold-climate sun. The soil is a well-drained and low nutrient sandy loam, causing the vines to work incredibly hard to survive. This stress, combined with our targeted care and attention, leads Anna's to produce small clusters and small berries, which equates to concentrated fruit that is exquisitely perfumed and inviting. Planted to two different Dijon clones working well in tandem, Clone 667 is known for producing high-quality wines in Burgundy and brings intense color, structure, depth, and ageability, while the earlier ripening Clone 114 offers richness and stuffing.

Highlights

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 648
Soil type: Sandy loam
Clones: 667, 114
Fermentation: 67% whole cluster
Élevage: Aged in neutral barrel (15+ year old French oak) for 18 months
Bottling date: December 01, 2022
Release date: October 2023
Release price: \$72

Scores

97 points, Wine Enthusiast

Scores from previous vintages:

2020 - 95+ points

2019 - 96 points

2018 - 94+ points

Tasting Notes

Anna's Block consistently delivers brilliant red crunchy fruits, showcasing notes of fresh cranberry with a savory component of iron, dried herb, and deep earth notes. The concentrated, ripe tannins combined with fresh acidity surround the dense fruit, leaving you wanting another sip. The wine is complex and balanced.

Technical Details

Alcohol: 13.6%
pH: 3.75
TA: 6.3 g/L
Glucose + fructose: 0.0 g/L
VA: 0.7 g/L
Total SO₂: 40 ppm
Free SO₂: 11 ppm