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2020 Estate Pinot Noir - Rancho Nuevo

Description

Rancho Nuevo is our newest estate vineyard that sits across from us on Highway 246. The vines there were planted on a gradual slope atop sandy loam soil about ten years after our original east and westside properties. Though the soils on Rancho Nuevo were quite sterile when it was first planted, they have improved greatly over time through extensive cover cropping and the resultant build-up of organic matter. Rancho Nuevo lies at a lower elevation to the south of the winery making it a significantly cooler environment. This translates to later bud-break and ripening each year allowing for gorgeous flavor development and acidity ripeness. This site is also home to newer clonal material that we are very fortunate to work with, including Pinot Noir clones 943, 459 and 828.

Highlights

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Cases Produced: 720
Soil type: Sandy loam
Clones: Calera, Mt. Eden, Pommard, 943, 459, and 828.
Fermentation: 40% whole cluster
Élevage: Aged in neutral barrel (15+ year old French oak) for 12 months
Bottling date: July 26, 2021
Release date: Fall 2021
Release price: \$80

Tasting Notes

Intensely aromatic, the 2020 Rancho Nuevo Pinot Noir entices the sense with wildly earthy notes of damp forest floor, red rose bud, sage, and bergamot tea. Deep purple with hints of ruby, the color suggests the intensity, and the generous palate reflects just that. Lush notes of ripe cranberry, raspberry, Bing cherry and summer strawberry take the lead, while fine, yet powerful tannins, balanced acidity and loamy, saline minerality provide a serious backbone to this cold climate stunner.

Scores

Wine club exclusive, not submitted for ratings.

Technical Details

Alcohol: 13.9%
pH: 3.59
VA: 0.54 g/L
Glucose + fructose: 0.6 g/L
TA: 6.3