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CARMEL, CALIFORNIA



2022 WHOLE CLUSTER PINOT NOIR

Santa Lucia Highlands AVA

In 2018, we experimented with cluster fermentation of Pinot Noir from Tondre Vineyard. We split our 5 Tons into three bins, 0% Whole Cluster, 50%, and 100%, and tried how things tasted at blending. The result was striking, and we unanimously agreed that fermenting clusters on the stem was the way to go. Since then, we've expanded our whole cluster fermentation to other Pinot Noir vineyards and shifted our identity as a producer one step to the left. Our 2022 Whole Cluster Pinot Noir is from Tondre and Escolle, our favorite sites in the region. Each provides hand-harvested grapes that we lightly sorted and natively fermented in the same fermenters 2018 did – allowing us to control small batches of premium Pinot Noir—the wine aged in neutral French oak until bottling in August 2023.

The wine opens with lively red fruit flavors of strawberries, fig, and black cherry. The lovely savory richness from the stems adds backbone and tannin and works with the dried herb flavors on the palate. This wine can benefit from time as it settles into its own, but it will taste wonderful with any upcoming holiday plans you may have.

Alc. by Vol.: 13.4%

pH: 3.6

TA: 6.0 g/L

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