



PINOT NOIR
SKY RIDGE VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
2021



GROWING YEAR

2021 was the driest known year on record and was also the third year of drought conditions for Sonoma County. Contrary to these conditions, the summer was relatively cool and started two weeks later than the previous year. The drought conditions did bring ripeness to each of our varietals at just about the same time. By the end of the first week, we had 40% of total tonnage in the winery. This included Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Zinfandel from both Fort Ross-Seaview and Russian River Valley. Despite being a very compact harvest, small clusters and berry size have yielded exceptional quality which makes 2021 a standout vintage.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Our Sky Ridge vineyard is our newest planting in Russian River Valley. It was reclaimed as family property when in 2016 Lee Martinelli Sr. bought the land back from the Young family. It was originally owned by Giuseppe Martinelli and is the location where Lee Sr. fell his first buck at twelve years old. This vineyard is all of 4 acres and rests high on a ridge top on Martinelli Road, where it wakes up in the morning fog and catches the cool afternoon breeze during the hot, summer months.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

Fermentation: 100% neutral French Oak;
100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily
battonage

Oak: 50% new French Oak,
50% neutral French Oak, 10 months

Case Production: 99

WINEMAKER

Courtney Robinett Wagoner

CONSULTING WINEMAKER

Erin Green

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Josephine, Franciscan shale

Rootstock: 420A

Clones: 23, 97, 37, 667, 943

TASTING NOTES

Remarkable aromas of red cherry, fresh strawberry and saffras are present in the nose. A smooth entry is followed by flavors of wild raspberry and strawberry pie. The lingering finish has red fruit flavors with a hint of warm graham cracker.