

2020

PINOT NOIR, ARÊTE

EDNA VALLEY —STONE CORRAL VINEYARD

49 Cases Produced | Bottled on March 29, 2021

Suggested Retail: \$80

VINEYARD

The Stone Corral Vineyard is our Estate vineyard, which we planted in 2001. The vineyard is planted exclusively to several Pinot Noir clones and rootstocks covering a rolling southeast facing hillside in the Edna Valley AVA. In 2019, we chose our best two barrels for our Arête Pinot Noir.

The Edna Valley is located in the South Central Coast of California a few miles southeast of the town of San Luis Obispo. The valley spans in a Northwest to Southeast orientation and is open to the Pacific Ocean to the West; it lies in Southern California at 35 degrees latitude and therefore receives lots of intense sunlight from a “directly overhead” sun. The climate is strongly influenced by regular summer-time afternoon cool breezes from the ocean.

VINTAGE

In terms of the climate we saw low rainfall totals of 15 inches for the 2019/2020 winter preceding the growing season. We experienced moderate spring and summer temperatures and projected an average size crop. There were a couple of minor heat spells, but despite this, we made beautiful wines in 2020. They show good concentration of ripe flavor, lush full body, and low acidity...showy and easy to drink.

Vineyard:

Stone Corral Vineyard, Edna Valley.

50% Block 4, Dijon clone 777

50% Block 5, Wädenswil clone 2a

Harvest:

Harvested and sorted by hand at night on September 14 and 17, 2020.

Average juice analysis 24.0 °Brix, 6.00 T.A., 3.80 pH

Fermentation:

100% de-stemmed into 4.5-ton open-top refrigerated fermentation tanks.

15 day cuvaison/skin contact; pump-overs and punch downs daily.

Aging:

Aged 18 months – 50% new Tonn. Sirugue, 50 once and twice used French oak barrels

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
13.5%	3.74	6.3 g/L



TASTING NOTES

Deep brilliant ruby garnet color. Nose of small red berries like cherries, hints of nutmeg spiciness from the French oak barrels, and notes of sage and dried porcini mushrooms. Integrated, seamless textures on the palate, the flavors follow the nose nicely, fine gentle tannins, and pleasing notes of black tea and Bing cherry on the finish.