

2020

PINOT NOIR, STONE CORRAL VINEYARD

EDNA VALLEY

123 Cases | Bottled on March 29, 2022

VINEYARD

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 2020 we chose five of our best barrels for our Stone Corral Vineyard 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

The 2020 vintage was warmer than average and was a continuation of several years of drought. In the Edna Valley 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 in mid-August and early September 5-7 and a small amount of smoke during the early stage of harvest from the Northern California fires. Despite this, we made beautiful wines in 2020. They show good concentration of ripe flavors, lush full body, and bright acidity... showy and easy to drink.

Vineyard:

Stone Corral Vineyard, Edna Valley

60% Dijon Clone 777

20% Wädenswil Clone 2a

20% Dijon Clone 667

Harvest:

Harvested and sorted by hand at night, Sep. 14 & 17, 2020.

Fermentation:

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

Aging:

Aged 17 months – 40% new French oak barrels,

60% once and twice filled French oak barrels.

Non-fined and lightly filtered

Alcohol:

pH:

T.A.:

13.8%

3.75

6.40 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Transparent ruby-garnet color. Enticing aromas of Montmorency cherry, blueberry, and black tea are at the heart of this wine. Great integration on the palate, rich body, silky fine tannins, soft acidity and lingering red berry and forest flavors. A lovely wine from a challenging vintage.

