

2021

PINOT NOIR, ARÊTE

EDNA VALLEY —STONE CORRAL VINEYARD

50 Cases Produced | Bottled on March 30, 2022

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 2021, 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 an East-West 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 2021 Vintage – in a word Epic. We started the growing season with a very dry winter, only 11” of rain and most of the rain came during a late January four-day rainstorm dropping 7” of water. In general, the growing season was cool. Apart from one warm day on June 16 when the temperature rose to 105 degrees F, there were no other heat spikes during the year. The mild temperatures continued through harvest in September and October, which opened the stretch of time for picking at optimal maturity. This was a late harvest with long hang time yielding wines with concentrated flavors and good acidity.

Vineyard:

Stone Corral Vineyard, Edna Valley.

93% Block 5, Dijon clone 667

7% Block 5, Wädenswil clone 2a

Harvest:

Harvested and sorted by hand at night on September 23 and 28, 2021.

Average juice analysis 23.8 °Brix, 6.05 T.A., 3.70 pH

Fermentation:

100% de-stemmed into 4.5-ton open-top refrigerated fermentation tanks. 14 day cuvaision/skin contact; pump-overs and punch downs daily. Non-fined and lightly filtered.

Aging:

Aged 17 months – 50% new Tonn. Sirugue, 50% once and twice used French oak barrels.

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
13.5%	3.61	5.78 g/L



TASTING NOTES

Intense deep ruby color. The aromas are quite complex and a mix of Montmorency cherry, espresso bean, green peppercorn, Earl Grey tea and orange peel. This is our biggest Pinot Noir, full rich mid-palate, fine tannin structure, with a strong red berry fruit impression with just a hint of nutmeg spiciness from the French oak barrels. This wine will benefit from time in the bottle.