

2021

PINOT NOIR, GREENGATE VINEYARD

EDNA VALLEY

103 cases | Bottled on March 30, 2023

Suggested Retail: \$54

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VINEYARD

Greengate Vineyard was planted in 2013. The vineyard is planted to several clones of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and covers rolling hills in the middle of the Edna Valley AVA. Soils are mainly Diablo clay loam, well drained, dark grey and mildly alkaline. 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 2021 vintage was 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.

WINEMAKING

Classic Burgundian methods of winemaking were used in making this wine; open top stainless steel fermenters, punch downs by hand, pressed with a modern stainless steel basket press, aged in French oak barrels and put into bottle without fining or filtration.

Pinot Noir:

Greengate Vineyard
Swiss clone , Wädenswil 2a

Harvest:

Night harvest by hand September 24 and October 8, 2021

Fermentation:

100% De-stemmed into 4.5-ton open top refrigerated tanks. Cultured yeast and naturally occurring malolactic bacteria. Non-fined and non-filtered.

Aging:

Aged 16 months in 25% new French oak barrels, and 75% once and twice filled French oak barrels.

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
13.8%	3.54	5.63 g/L



TASTING NOTES

The wine has a transparent deep ruby, garnet hue, and brilliant clarity. It has uplifting and enticing aromas of rose petal, Amarena cherry and Earl Grey tea. This is a medium body Pinot Noir with very fine tannins, juicy acidity, silky textures, subtle nutmeg spice from the French oak barrels, and lingering red berry fruit flavors.