

Wrath

2020 EX Pinot Noir

Label

With a name meaning “out of” in Latin, EX speaks to our focus on expressing the personality and characteristics of our Certified Sustainable (SIP) estate vineyard.

Philosophy

Our wines are a record of the topography, geology and climate of a finite, naturally defined piece of land over the span of a growing season. They chronicle the elaborate dance between terroir, grape, people and time. While all of our wines possess strong varietal characteristics, their real strength is their ability to deliver the unique aromatics, flavors and textures of a specific site.

Vineyard

Our Estate San Saba Vineyard is set in a sheltered nook just below the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. The estate consists of 72 acres of which 67.75 are planted to Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah and Falanghina. This is a cool site with little rainfall and one of the longest growing seasons in the world. Our soils, Arroyo Gravelly Loam and Hanford Gravelly Sandy Loam, provide a low-vigor, well-draining, disease- and pest-free medium for our vines. They also impart a subtle mineral quality to our wines.

To preserve our local ecosystem, we have worked with viticultural consultant Steve McIntyre to develop a certified sustainable farming program tailored to our estate. In addition to protecting the local environment, we believe it allows us to produce wines that are more authentic and specific to our terroir.



Production Notes

The 2020 vintage in Monterey began as a superb growing year that evolved into major challenges, depending on vineyard location. Heat spikes in mid-August and early September caused white grapes to ripen and get harvested earlier than usual which was a blessing because a lightening strike caused the River Fire in northern Monterey County that burned for 19 days. Wrath was lucky our vineyard was far enough away so our crop was not affected but we suffered for our neighbors further north. The goal for this wine is to showcase the pure personality of our pinot noir fruit with minimal new oak and winemaking. Wrath’s 2020 EX Pinot Noir offers a true barometer of the quality and soul of our estate fruit. It is hard to believe that a wine that sees so little new oak can be so rich and expansive. Grapes are handpicked and hand sorted. They are fermented in open top stainless steel tanks and once dry, a portion (approx. 30%) is racked into neutral and new (20%) oak barrels for 3 to 4 months of resting and breathing before being blended back into the tank. This rounds out the texture and flavors to result in a more complete wine.

Technical Data

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	San Saba Vineyard
AVA	Monterey
Clones	100% 828
Oak	100% French, 20% new
Alcohol	14.2
Cases produced	1049 cases