

Wrath

2021 Wrath Pinot Noir, Cortada Alta Vineyard

Overview

Wrath represents a nexus of nature and an unbridled passion for winemaking. We produce site-driven Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, Falanghina and Sauvignon Blanc from our estate vineyard and respected properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Our production is small, our distribution is limited and our wines reveal attitude, passion, and an inherent respect for what a vineyard can give us.

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

Wrath's newest single vineyard offering, Cortada Alta is the highest vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. At 1,400 feet, the vines sit above the fog in a notch between granite outcroppings that collected rich loam soil. The slopes are steep which mandates handpicking. There is a large temperature shift from very warm, sunbaked days to cold, windswept nights. This stress results in smaller berries and thicker skins that all translates into deeper flavors.

Production Notes

The 2021 vintage in Monterey began with colder than usual winter temps so budbreak happened later than early-mid February, which is the norm. However, summer temperatures were cooler than the usual so vines had a chance to ripen slowly and completely. All in all, it was one of the best growing seasons in several years and resulted in high quality fruit and slightly better than usual yields. Both Mariafeld and Wadenswill pinot clones came to California from Switzerland in the 1950s. Mariafeld has a unique flavor and higher acidity than other pinots. Wadenswill is prized for its aromatics and ability to grow and ripen in a cold climate. Hand harvested and hand sorted, the barrel grapes are cold soaked for three days before inoculation. Clonal lots are kept separated in small open-top bins during fermentation and 20% of the bins go through whole cluster fermentation. Close monitoring ensures that production stages are implemented at optimal periods. The young wine is racked into an assortment of barrels, only French oak, from various tonnelleries for added complexity. This wine was aged for 10 months before filtering, bottling and laying down for another 12 months of bottle aging before release

Technical Data

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	Cortada Alta Vineyard
AVA	Santa Lucia Highlands
Clones	Mariafeld- 60% and Wadenswill-40%
Oak	French oak, 20% new
Alcohol	14.2
Cases produced	140
SRP	\$55