



BRIVIUM

Anderson Valley

PINOT NOIR

2020



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Vines were established at Wiley Vineyard in 1972, making it the first vineyard to be planted in the westernmost portion of Anderson Valley now commonly known as the “Deep End.” Wiley is a true cool-climate site, resting on benchlands just nine miles from the Pacific Ocean. This vineyard is renowned for its bucolic setting and finessed wines produced from 40 year old vines rooted in sandstone soils. I am honored and privileged to farm Wiley Vineyard, truly world-class terroir.

2020 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season in Anderson Valley were followed by mild weather. Following the cool early season, August heat accelerated ripening. I am fortunate to grow grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence and am lucky to have been spared the impact of fires and smoke which affected so many other vineyards in 2020. Grape yields were lower than average and quality was good in this vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

From the far reaches of Mendocino County, this wine is prototypical Anderson Valley Pinot Noir, a delicious combination of savory aromas and ripe fruit flavors. Ruby red in color, this Pinot Noir offers up a complex melange of cherry cola, herbal tea, pennyroyal mint, celery seed, rose petal, and damp soil. The juicy entry leads to mouth-filling, lightly crunchy cherry, berry patch, and plum flavors, with balanced acidity. The velvet-textured mid-palate is full of fruit, with medium acidity and umami notes evident on the saline, savory finish.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley

HARVEST DATES:

September 14 and 16, 2020

RELEASE DATE:

October 1, 2021

ALCOHOL:

12.6%

PH:

3.5

TA:

6.2 g/L

AGED:

10 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels
[20% new]

COOPERAGES:

Billon, Damy, Kadar, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

2,089 6/750 mL

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift

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