



BRAVIUM

Anderson Valley

PINOT NOIR

2021



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 the foundation of the Anderson Valley Pinot Noir and 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 – and the addition of a smaller quantity of grapes from Helluva Vineyard near Boonville adds floral notes and delicious red fruit flavors.

2021 GROWING SEASON:

Dry 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. The Deep End of Anderson Valley is a true cool-climate region. Grape yields were slightly lower than average, and quality was very 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 floral aromas, ripe fruit flavors, and savory elements. Brilliant ruby red in color, this Pinot Noir offers up a complex mélange of cherry cola, herbal tea, pennyroyal mint, rose petal, damp soil, and cinnamon spice. The luscious entry leads to mouth-filling, lightly crunchy cherry, berry patch, and plum flavors. The velvet-textured mid-palate is full of fruit, with medium acidity and chocolate notes evident on the saline and intriguingly savory finish.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

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HARVEST DATES:

September 3, 20, 24, 30,
and October 1, 2021

RELEASE DATE:

August 1, 2022

ALCOHOL:

13.3%

PH:

3.6

TA:

6.1 g/L

AGED:

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

COOPERAGES:

Billon, Damy, Kadar, and
Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

5,203 6/750 mL

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

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