



BRAVIUM

Wiley Vineyard

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—specifically bud break and flowering—in Anderson Valley were followed by uneventful weather throughout the year, save a small dose of late rain in May. Steady, even ripening allowed harvest to occur at precisely the right time, without any heat spikes. I am fortunate to be growing grapes in such close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and its moderating influence. Grape yields were slightly above average and quality was very good in this temperate vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This elegant wine is a study in balance and complexity. 30% whole clusters were included in small stainless-steel fermenters, with each vineyard block being fermented separately. Ruby red color with pleasing aromas of rose petals, pepper, herbs, and damp soil. Red and blue fruits dominate the lushly textured flavors and are joined by sumptuous mocha and detailed mandarin orange notes on the velvety finish. This full-bodied Wiley Vineyard Pinot Noir is accessible today yet it will age gracefully for decades.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley

HARVEST DATES:

September 14 and 16, 2020

RELEASE DATE:

June 1, 2022

ALCOHOL:

12.9%

PH:

3.5

TA:

6.1 g/L

AGED:

10 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels [33% New]

COOPERAGES:

Billon, Francois Freres, Kadar, Rousseau, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

492 6/750 mL

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