

TASTING NOTES:

2021 SONOMA BENCH PINOT NOIR, Russian River Valley

This Pinot Noir shows a deep ruby/garnet red color. The aromas are fresh with raspberry, red fruits with a soft earthy tone. There are vanilla notes from French oak barrel aging. The pallet is lush with roundness, texture, and fruit purity. Tannins are balanced and the finish is firm and refreshing. The length of the wine is elegant and shows harmony and textural balance. 2021 was an exceptionally short harvest in Russian River Valley.

Enjoy now or cellar for 3-5 years,

WINE DATA:

- **Vineyards:** This wine comes entirely from the heart of the Russian River Valley, and Green Valley AVA situated on Burnside Rd.
- **Harvest:** Early September 2021.
- **Winemaking:** Fruit was rigorously hand sorted and fully destemmed to open top fermenters with no crushing. Moderate cold soaks (4-5 days), warm fermentations (85-90° F), and minimal punch downs were done this year in order to adapt to what nature provides. Total skin contact ranged from 11-18 days with all fermentations being carefully basket pressed and put to barrel on full fermentation lees for ML. Racking was minimal with only one base blend being done in the spring to allow the new wine to “marry” in barrel before bottling. Native yeast and ML with only small lots conducted using cultured burgundy isolates.
- **Cooperage and Aging:** 100% French oak; 30% new.
Time in barrel = 9 months.
- **Bottling:** May 2022, 625 cases produced.
- **Final bottling technical information:**
 - pH: 3.54
 - TA: 0.65 g/100 ml
 - Alcohol: 14.5 %
 - 100% Pinot Noir

Release date: Summer 2022