

## 2021 Pinot Noir, 1861 Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

**Case Production:** 51 / **SRP:** \$105.00

This vineyard is named both for its street address and coincidentally for the year in which Agoston Haraszthy was appointed by California's governor to "promote the improvement and growth of the grapevine" in the state.

The 1861 vineyard is planted on a plateau in the hills, a thousand feet above the Sonoma Plaza. Less than half an acre, the small site divides itself naturally into two blocks, one rockier than the other. The site is planted to the Pommard clone on 101-14 rootstock with a narrow spacing of 4' x 5'. Marine influence from both the Pacific Ocean and San Pablo Bay, combined with foggy mornings, allow the delicate pinot noir grapes to thrive in this rugged hillside setting.

Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

AVA: Sonoma Valley

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: 2008

Clone(s): Pommard

Rootstock: 101-14

Soil Type: Rocky loam

Aspect: Southern

Row Orientation: South/North

### The Vintage

2021 saw very little rain with a total rainfall of 10 inches, far below our average of 22 inches. The rain came in small increments through March. A mild January and February combined with dry soils caused an early bud break. Those tender shoots were caught by surprise by the cold March and April nights. We had to run our wind machine for many nights. Shoot growth was slowed by these cold night temperatures, but made gains in late May and June. We suckered early to eliminate any competition and used organic foliar nutrients to add to the vine health. Our summer was mild, easing our irrigation needs. We only saw a few high temperatures in late August and early September which pushed harvest into gear. Low yields but beautiful fruit/ wines were the reward of 2021.

Vintage: 2021

Harvest Date: August 30th

Harvest Brix: 26.1

Harvest pH: 3.7

Harvest TA: 5.3

Days in Tank: 22 days

Type of Tank: Open top stainless steel

Barrel Program: 50% new French oak, 50% once used

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Bottling Date: March 17, 2023

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5

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### Blue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 40-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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