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2019 GARYS' VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE

Ruby

AROMAS

Deep red rose and plum complemented by clove and hints of charcuterie

PALATE

Fresh red berries on entry with sassafras and cedar on the mid-palate

MOUTHFEEL & FINISH

Broad entry, plush body with silky, refined tannins and a vibrant, long finish

NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

The 2019 vintage was exceptional for California Pinot Noir, and the 2019 Garys' Vineyard is a true reflection of the purity and detail that arise in a classic season from the Santa Lucia Highlands. Recharging winter rains gave the vines enough moisture to grow strong canopies, and the hallmark coastal fog and wind influences kept the vines moving at a gentler pace, hitting the benchmark phenological stages slightly later than a typical season. The slow and deliberate cadence of the vintage allowed for even ripening with few heat events, producing a wine with great concentration, depth and freshness. Our blocks at Garys' Vineyard—planted to heritage Pisoni and Mount Eden clones — matured in unison and were both harvested on September 13, four days after our Santa Lucia Highlands harvest started across the creek at the neighboring Soberanes Vineyard. True to form, the 2019 Garys' Vineyard Pinot showcases the darker fruit profile of Pinot Noir without sacrificing elegance or balance. Fully mature tannins open with a broad and dense mouthfeel and dusty spice notes carry the wine through to a lifted, persistent finish with great staying power.

HARVEST DATE

September 13, 2019

ALCOHOL 14.6%

AVERAGE BRIX

25.3°

BARREL AGING

14 months in barrel 6 months on primary lees

BARRELS

100% French oak, 44% new

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RELEASE DATE

September 2021