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2020 PINOT NOIR • THREE COUNTY

TASTING NOTES

APPELLATION San Benito County (20%) Monterey County (30%) Sonoma County (50%)

> VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir

AGING 9-12 months on primarily French & Hungarian oak

AGING POTENTIAL 5-7 years

> ALCOHOL 14.2%

> > ACIDITY 5.5 g/L

> > > рН 3.66

PRODUCTION 3,535 cases

> SRP \$19.99

Fresh aromas of wild berries, raspberry and cherry fill the glass and lead to a well-structured medium weight on the palate. Warmth from the oak with intense spiced vanilla and slightly burnt sugar mingle with notes of raspberries, licorice, and candied spice. Balanced intensity with bright red color, this Pinot Noir's racy and complex tannins with sweet structure and integrated acidity carry through to a well balanced finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Due to its soft tannins and bright acidity, this wine pairs well with seafood, lightly smoked meats and chicken, as well as root vegetables and mushrooms.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Pinot Noir is blended from Three Counties to ensure it is fruit-forward with well-integrated tannins. Every year, Winemaker Linda Trotta hand-selects vineyards from each county to complete this blend. The portion from each county depends on the growing conditions of that vintage.

SAN BENITO COUNTY (20%): With its well-drained soils and eastern facing slopes cooled by a nearby river, the Pedregal Vineyard is the warmest vineyard source. It brings structure as well as darker fruit and earthy notes.

MONTEREY COUNTY (30%): Celebrated for its proximity to the ocean, arid climate and gravelly soils, the Arroyo Seco AVA allows for a nice texture on the middle palette.

SONOMA COUNTY (50%): This portion comes primarily from the Las Brisas Vineyard in the Los Carneros AVA. Close to sea-level, the wind and fog from the San Pablo Bay cools this region. This along with the dense, shallow clay soils imparts elegance and a red fruit profile into the wine.

Although the 2020 growing season enjoyed near-perfect growing conditions, a mid-August lightning storm resulted in a dramatic turn for Sonoma County's winegrapes. It was estimated that between 25% and 30% of the county's grapes went unpicked this year. However, many vintners are optimistic about the quality of the harvested fruit. Fortunately, as a result of this year's early harvest, more than 15% of the region's grapes had been picked before fires effected fruit quality.





ACCOLADES **91 Points**, Wine Spectator, v2019

Reata comes from the Spanish word for lariat and lasso. The lasso honors our winery's ranching tradition and winemaking philosophy. Just as lassos are woven together, our wines are sourced from exceptional vineyards and woven together by our winemaker.

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