



## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Charles Vineyard is located in the Southeast part of Boonville along the Anderson creek in the Anderson Valley, Mendocino County. The Charles family has been in Boonville on this property since 1950 when the land was a lumber mill, then a cattle ranch and converted to vineyards in 1999. Its unique location makes it ideal for Pinot Noir; while not on the coast, the valley opens to the ocean allowing the cool marine layer to make its way through the valley, giving it a coastal influence, sometimes resulting in as much as 50 degree fluctuations in temperature in a single day. This vineyard is meticulously tended and contains clones 114, 115, 777 and Pommard on three different root stocks.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone and vineyard during fermentation and aging. This gives us many more blending options. We cold soak the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. During the seven to twelve days it takes to ferment, we hand-punch each fermenter, up to four times a day to ensure that the temperature doesn't get too warm. Once the juice is fermented, we press the fruit and move the wine into Francois Frères French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

## TASTING NOTES

Once again Charles Vineyard has delivered a stunning wine for this fall lineup. Dark ruby in color, the aromatics lead with rich red fruit, driven by cherry and raspberry, laced with subtle notes of bramble and fresh herbs. The flavors are a complex blend of fruit - cherry, fresh plum, ripe raspberry - earth and wet stone notes. Ample acidity and some fine grain tannins result in a wine with great depth and character. The Charles is delicious now, but with all that structure and depth it will age like a champ.

## WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Anderson Valley
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 10, 2020
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.48%
<b>T.A.:</b>	5.3 g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.78
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1-2year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 23, 2021
<b>Production:</b>	447 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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