

# PINOT NOIR

SKY RIDGE VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2022



2021 Vintage 94 points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate WINEMAKING DETAILS

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Fermentation: 100% neutral French Oak; 100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily battonage

Oak: 50% new French Oak, 50% neutral French Oak, 10 months

Case Production: 150

## WINEMAKER

Courtney Robinett Wagoner

CONSULTING WINEMAKER
Erin Green

### VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Josephine, Franciscan shale Rootstock: 420A

Clones: 23, 97, 37, 667, 943

The 2022 growing season was full of ups and downs, keeping our winemaking team on their toes. The season started out with ideal conditions with early rains helping to push bud break into Spring. While we encountered instances of shatter (a grape berry fails to develop because of incomplete pollination) due to frost, this was limited to specific vineyards. Meticulous attention was given to addressing this issue, as we diligently assessed each block and thinned any clusters affected by shatter. Thankfully, the summer months offered the optimal combination of warm days and perfectly cool nights. However, Labor Day weekend launched what has been marked as one of the most heat-intensive 7-day periods on record for Sonoma County, resulting in a significant number of vineyards reaching their ripening stage simultaneously.

#### VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Our Sky Ridge vineyard is our newest planting in Russian River Valley. It was reclaimed as family property when in 2016 Lee Martinelli Sr. bought the land back from the Young family. It was originally owned by Giuseppe Martinelli and is the location where Lee Sr. fell his first buck at twelve years old. This vineyard is all of 4 acres and rests high on a ridge top on Martinelli Road, where it wakes up in the morning fog and catches the cool afternoon breeze during the hot, summer months.

### TASTING NOTES

A lively nose with aromas of red plum, raspberry, and cinnamon. A bright entry with flavors of freshly picked raspberries and brown sugar. With integrated tannins on the mid-palate, you will find a juicy, strawberry finish.