

2021

WALALA VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

Our Heritage Vineyards, including Durell, Gap's Crown, and Walala, are the cornerstone of exceptional pinot noir and chardonnay. These renowned sites have become iconic vineyards in California, showcasing their legacy and greatness. At Three Sticks, amongst select producers, honor their history while forging a path of continued success for future generations crafting beautiful wines.

VINEYARD

Pronounced "Wa-la-la" overlooking the town of Gualala...also pronounced Walala by the locals, this wine is almost as fun to say as it is to drink. Out of the three estates that comprise the Heritage vineyards of Three Sticks, this is closest to the ocean- sitting just 6 miles from the coast. Walala is perched above the coast, sometimes happily at the fog line, so it enjoys enough warmth to ripen year after year. Located in what purists would call the "true," wild, westernmost part of the Sonoma Coast AVA, our Walala is the epitome of vitality and vigor.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage began with a very dry winter making early irrigation in the vineyards necessary to counteract the lack of rain. With cooler weather around budbreak and flowering, we saw a fair amount of fluctuation in the timing and development of the grapes. This led to highly variable yields at harvest, which kept our winegrowing team on their toes. Harvest got underway on the last day of August and continued throughout September at a steady, methodical pace. Overall, the fruit was quite enticing, with medium to full body and particularly impressive tannin structures on the Pinots

TASTING NOTES

This wine captures the spirit of the coast with a spicy nose that lingers briefly before savory caramelized pecans, strawberry compote, and a hint of pink peppercorn blend together to enchant you. Walala always steals the show.



APPELLATION

Sonoma Coast

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

SOIL

Laughlin Fine Loam and Gravelly Hugo Loam

CLONES

115, 113

FERMENTATION

Open Top Fermenter

FERMENTATION LENGTH

11 days

WHOLE CLUSTER

25%

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

100%

BARREL AGING

14 Months

BARREL COMPOSITION

100% French Oak; 50% New

ALCOHOL CONTENT

14.2%

TOTAL ACIDITY (TA)

6.5 g/L

pH

3.43

PRODUCTION

505 Cases

SRP

\$85

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August 2023

THREE STICKS VINEYARDS

Alana, Durell, Gap's Crown,
One Sky, Walala, William James

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