

2021



WILLIAM JAMES VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

Our Monopole Vineyards were carefully selected for their exceptional soil, terroir, and ideal location. Alana, One Sky, and William James, all small-scale and organic, were established exclusively for Three Sticks, ensuring the precise fruit needed to craft our exceptional pinot noir and chardonnay. These remarkable sites yield wines of which we are immensely proud, consistently delivering excellence year after year

VINEYARD

Planted in 2013 in what we call the fertile crescent of the Russian River Valley, in a perfectly uniform, rectangular vineyard with the sexiest soil you have ever seen, the William James Vineyard is a 6.5-acre powerhouse for pinot noir. William James has grown in an area known for its agricultural roots. This particular Monopole vineyard is surrounded by farmlands, including the famous Gravenstein apple orchards. A wine lover's dream. Named after Bill's first and only son, James, known for his wit, boundless energy, and playfulness, which is utterly contagious. We believe this vintage is James to a tee.

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

Vibrant notes of cherry, raspberry, and sage will bring a smile to your face, while a smooth, elegant finish will compel you to share it with others. If you could bottle joy, this is what it would taste like.



APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Pinot Noir

SOIL

Goldridge Fine Sandy Loam

CLONES

Swan, 943, Calera

FERMENTATION

Open Top Fermenter

FERMENTATION LENGTH

12 days

WHOLE CLUSTER

21%

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

100%

BARREL AGING

14 Months

BARREL COMPOSITION

100% French Oak; 46% New

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.9%

TOTAL ACIDITY (TA)

6.7 g/L

pH

3.43

PRODUCTION

470 Cases

SRP

\$85

RELEASE DATE

August 2023

THREE STICKS VINEYARDS

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

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