

2022

## MONARCH

### PINOT NOIR

The Durell, Gap's Crown, and Walala Vineyards comprise what we call our Heritage Vineyards. We recognize and celebrate the history and legacy of these renowned vineyards even prior to our ownership of them. As their current stewards, we take very seriously our responsibility to create and protect their future. We do so with obsessive attention to detail and meticulous care in farming them. These Heritage Vineyards are, and forever will be, cornerstones of our fine chardonnay and pinot noir production.

### VINEYARD

The symphony of our vineyard collections is our Monarch Pinot Noir. This wine is a harmonious blend crafted from the finest grapes across all six of our estate vineyards located throughout the varied landscapes of Sonoma County. Named in honor of the enchanting Monarch butterflies, this pinot noir is more than a wine; it reflects the breathtaking terroir and the magic that defines our vineyards from the perspective of our incredible winemaking team.

### VINTAGE

In 2022, we saw a continuation of the drought in CA, with warm weather, early bloom, and long, slow flowering. Some of our vineyard blocks that flowered during the cold stretch did not set as much fruit as typical, so we saw lower yields for the year. While this isn't ideal from a quantity standpoint, quality was great, and things began moving along quickly. We started harvest in mid-August, a week or two earlier than "normal," and as we approached Labor Day, we saw a heat wave on the horizon. We were in a good spot and could bring in much of our fruit before the heat. The grapes we let hang through the heat were still a ways away from being ready to harvest. In recent years we have been leaving more leaves on the vines to help shade and keep the fruit on the vines from being scorched by the sun. This decision helped us this year in particular. After the heat, temperatures cooled in the region, and we were able to bring in the rest of our fruit in the weeks following. All in all, we are very happy with the quality of this vintage and thankful for our team rallying during this intense time of year.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine unfolds with licorice and sweet oak notes, and as you journey through each sip, there is an earthier component of rich black fruit, blackberry, and the Sonoma Coast tannic bite. The richness of cardamom spice, infused with red currant and plum, adds depth. The wine's smooth texture delivers a warm embrace as you savor each nuanced layer.



APPELLATION	FERMENTATION	BARREL AGING	pH
Sonoma County	Open Top Fermenter	10 Months	3.45
VARIETAL CONTENT	FERMENTATION LENGTH	BARREL COMPOSITION	PRODUCTION
100% Pinot Noir	12 days	100% French Oak; 42% New	480 Cases
SOIL	WHOLE CLUSTER	ALCOHOL CONTENT	SRP
Goulding Cobbly Clay Loam, Goldridge Fine, Sandy Loam	20%	14.0%	\$75
CLONES	MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA)	RELEASE DATE
Swan, 115, 777, 943, Calera, 828	100%	6.7 g/L	February 2024

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