



WAYPOINT

SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

2021 · PINOT NOIR STARSCAPE VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

A juicy ruby color intrigues before other senses get involved, the nose is as generous and expressive; black cherry and juicy raspberry aromas dominate, mingling with subtle hints of cranberry and red currant. A floral elegance, reminiscent of rose petals, adds a touch of finesse to the experience. On the palate, the stainless steel fermentation process shines through, preserving the wine's natural acidity and allowing for a crisp mouthfeel without sacrificing a long earthy finish.

VINEYARDS

Starscape Vineyard in the Russian River Valley of Sonoma is a neighbor to the Ritchie Vineyard. Its Pinot Noir has long been a staple of Sonoma coast terroir and rightfully so. The ocean influence and the sunshine contrastingly creates a range of acid and tannin within the vineyard that brings a unique complexity to this Pinot Noir. This vineyard produces juicy, flavorful fruit. The 2021 vintage is one to stand out for many years to come.

WINEMAKING

In the cellar, this classic fruit was treated to Stainless steel fermentation, and aged for 12 months afterward in 42% New French oak.



WINEMAKERS: Matthew Sands, Philippe Melka

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

CLONES: 115 & 667

HARVESTED: September 3rd, 2021.

BOTTLED: August 2022

CASE PRODUCTION: 380 cases.

ALCOHOL: 14%

AVA: Russian River Valley, Sonoma.

VINEYARD: Starscape Vineyard.



"[...] My tasting revealed a slight tug of war—Sands is exceptionally talented at crafting deliciously dark and structured Cabernet Sauvignon, and his initial foray into Pinot Noir making reveals a heavier hand. In time, there is no question that he'll find a lighter touch. Here, we have a brooding, dark wine with lots of toasty oak, espresso bean, and coffee, matched by a weighty, medium to full-bodied palate with very juicy black cherry, vanillin and cola spices. Sappy tannins lead to a caramel-creamy oak finish."

Jonathan Cristaldi