

Goldeneye

2021 ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR CONFLUENCE VINEYARD - LOWER BENCH

In addition to marking the coming together of two creeks, our Confluence Vineyard embodies two distinct terroirs: rich-soiled benchlands and a steep hillside. This diversity has inspired two limited-production Pinot Noirs – Confluence Lower Bench and Confluence Hillside. The Lower Bench vines are grown in Confluence’s fertile benchland soils, and ripen weeks later than our hillside grapes producing generous dark fruit flavors and earthy tannins.

VINTAGE NOTES

After a dry winter we received a bit of welcome rainfall in early March followed by a mild warm-up that helped to push the first buds. By mid-April, all three estate vineyards had reached 100% budbreak, with healthy balanced vines throughout the valley. Summer was dry and mild, with a few hot days to help promote even ripening. We harvested Chardonnay for our sparkling wines beginning in mid-August, with our first Pinot Noir at the start of September. After a late-August heatwave, harvest began in earnest until a natural cool-down slowed the pace, and our last pick was on October 6th. Another stellar vintage in Anderson Valley, the quality of the fruit was exceptional, producing incredibly concentrated, flavorful and aromatic wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grown in the deep, fertile soils of Confluence Vineyard’s lower bench, this is a beautifully terroir-driven wine, with enticing aromas of black cherry, tobacco leaf, iron, graphite and pink peppercorn. On the plush palate, flavors of ripe raspberry, cranberry and blood orange are framed by lively acidity as they flow to a bright, lingering finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Anderson Valley		
VINEYARDS	Confluence Vineyard		
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% estate Pinot Noir		
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged in French oak for 16 months 53% new, 47% neutral	SOILS	Pinole, Perrygulch, and Boontling loam
ALCOHOL	14.2%	CLONES	115, Pommard, Martini
PH	3.47	ROOTSTOCK	5C & SO4
ACIDITY	0.58 g/100 ml		
FERMENTATION	20% whole cluster lots. Small lot open-top fermentations using a combination of cap management strategies.		



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