



2020

HARPER'S *Bench*

PINOT NOIR

SITUATED ON A GEOLOGICAL BENCH OVERLOOKING THE SALINAS VALLEY, OUR RIVERVIEW VINEYARD IS A PREMIER GROWING SITE FOR PINOT NOIR GRAPES.

VINEYARD

Like a terrace in geology, a bench is a long, relatively narrow strip of level or gently inclined land that is bounded by distinctly steeper slopes above and below it. Our Riverview Vineyard is protected by the benches along the southwest edge of the Gabilan Range in the Salinas Valley, where the soil is rich. It is the ideal location for growing Pinot Noir grapes with its moderate conditions, cool afternoon winds and early morning coastal fog. To craft an expressive wine, we select the top vineyard blocks from each vintage.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were picked by hand at optimum ripeness in the early morning hours before arriving at the winery. The juice was fermented in small lots in open-top fermenters using a punch-down regimen of three times per day to gently extract color and tannins. After fermentation, the must was gently pressed into a stainless steel tank for settling, then racked to French oak (35% new) for 12 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Our single vineyard Pinot Noir wine offers aromas of cherry, raspberry, and currant with notes of vanilla and mocha. The palate is medium bodied with soft integrated tannins. Elegant black fruit flavors lead into a memorable lingering sweet oak finish.



WINE STATS:

APPELLATION: MONTEREY

COMPOSITION: 100% PINOT NOIR

AGING: FRENCH OAK (35% NEW),
12 MONTHS

TA: 4.5 g/L | pH: 3.73 | ALC: 13.5%

RIVERVIEW VINEYARD

MONTEREY - CALIFORNIA