

2020 "Pleasant Hill" Pinot Noir



Vineyard Notes:

Bob Jenkin's Pleasant Hill vineyard sits smack dab in the heart of Russian River Valley just west of the town of Sebastopol: one of those no-brainer spots for cool climate Pinot Noir. The vineyard itself is all Goldridge loam soils where Dijon, 115, 667, and 777 clones thrive. The exposure to sun is east to west and is tempered by cooler daytime highs (normally in the 70s and low 80s) throughout the summer growing season.

Charlie Chenoweth planted this spot in 2000, and has been farming it since. He and I are in lock step when it comes to vineyard management and rarely differ on what to do next.

This area is widely known for its foggy mornings from June through September, which is where the acidity comes from. The soils are well drained and the vines are healthy due, in part, to the lower annual yields that don't stress the plants. This low stress is also a big reason the wines are so voluptuous and centered around Bing cherry cola flavors.

Sustainably farmed, cool climate vineyard site. 2020 had a dry, warm winter which led to a very early bud break. August was hot and coupled with smaller crop level pushed the fruit in early. 2.1 tons to the acre. 1/2 clone 115 and 1/2 clone 667.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Stainless steel fermented, aged for 16 months sur lees in 100% French oak, 25% new oak. Dark cherry in color, ripe nose full of Bing cherry cola, honeysuckle and anise. Secondary aromas of orange pekoe tea, violets and a hint of cinnamon. Ripe, medium-bodied flavors of dark cherry, chocolate covered oranges and quince. Finishes long with silky tannins and hints of Satsuma oranges, ripe plum and baker's chocolate.

Production:

354 Cases

Alcohol:

14.9%

Date Harvested:

August 26th, 2020

