

*Thomas Fogarty*



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



3.56



14.1% Alcohol



194 Cases  
Produced

# 2021 Deerheart Vineyard Pinot Noir

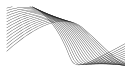
*40th Anniversary Vintage*



Elevation:  
400-2300 feet



Sandstone & shale soils



Composition:  
100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Nathan Kandler  
Vineyard Manager: Julio Deras

## Vintage

The 2021 vintage was a welcome change from the catastrophe of 2020, which saw devastating fires throughout the region. Harvest began for Pinot Noir in early September, an average historical starting date. Sugar and acidity levels tracked well, and while the crop size was shorter than we would prefer, we were able to harvest perfectly ripened fruit at a reasonable pace. The resulting wines have excellent balance and intensity. In comparison to our most recent vintages, there are some similarities to 2019 in that the wines possess great elegance and site specificity.

# Vineyard

This young vineyard is situated west of the hills of La Honda, extending nearly to the town of San Gregorio. Representing a new frontier in the Santa Cruz Mountains, this area, once deemed unsuitable for grape cultivation just 20 years ago, now thrives with vines. The soil, characterized by clay loam, contributes to the unique terroir of the region. In this emerging viticultural landscape, a diverse range of French clones, notably 943 and 459, are cultivated. These lesser-seen clones add distinctive character to the vineyard's offerings, making it a captivating and innovative venture in the evolving wine scene of the Santa Cruz Mountains.



## Tasting Notes

This bottling has a richness derived from clay soils, a lively brightness attributed to the cool climate, and a satisfyingly broad texture that elevates the overall tasting experience.



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