

Thomas Fogarty



2021 Rapley Trail Vineyard Pinot Noir

'James Thomas Block'
40th Anniversary Vintage



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



3.42



13.4% Alcohol



70

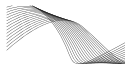
Cases produced



Elevation:
1650 feet



Lambert & shale soils



Composition:
100% Pinot Noir

Winegrower: 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

The Rapley Trail Vineyard was planted in 1981 and consists of six contiguous acres of Pinot Noir vines on our Estate's rugged southeastern slopes. It was the backbone of our past "Estate Reserve" Pinot Noir, but beginning in 2002 we began to bottle portions of the vineyard separately. This "deconstruction" displays the unique aspects and interactions of soil and climate that accounts for grapes whose flavor is a direct product of where they are grown; this is terroir. The Rapley Trail Vineyard bottling is comprised of the various lots harvested from the vineyard, which in some years can be picked in as many as 7 passes. James Thomas is a barrel select wine from the Rapley Trail Vineyard.



Tasting Notes

The 2021 Pinot Noir Rapley Trail Vineyard James Thomas Block is a somber, brooding wine. Dark plumb, blueberry, cloves, leather, licorice, and graphite lend tons of complexity. Bright acids and searing tannins need time to incorporate into the wines fabric. The intensely saline finish is impossible to miss. -Antonio Galloni, Vinous

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