

## Thomas Fogarty 2021 La Vida Bella Vineyard **Pinot Noir**

40th Anniversary Vintage





Santa Cruz Mountain AVA

Flevation: 600 feet



3.64



Baywood sandy loam soils





PINOT NOIR

194 Cases produced



100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Nathan Kandler Vineyard Manager: Joe Quink & Pam Minnis

The 2021 vintage was a welcome change from the catastrophe of 2020, which saw devastating fires throughout the region. Harvest began for Pinot Noir 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 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 La Vida Bella vineyard is located above the floor of the Pleasant Valley area of Corralitos. Joe Quink and Pam Minnis' site features a large swale on the northern section of the vineyard with some of the steepest terrain in the area. We think this is classic "Corralitos" Pinot, has a great mix of red and blue fruit, spice and the velvety tannin we have come to know and love from wines farmed in this region.



## **Tasting Notes**

The 2021 Pinot Noir La Vida Bella Vineyard is another stellar wine in this range. Dried herbs, tobacco, cedar, mint and crushed flowers lend notable complexity to this mid-weight, savory pinot. -Antonio Galloni, Vinous

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