

# MARINE LAYER

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## 2021 LYRA

### PINOT NOIR

**VARIETAL**

Pinot Noir

**VINTAGE**

2021

**ALCOHOL**

13.7%

**REGION**

Sonoma Coast AVA

**CLONE**

Calera, 667, Mt Eden,  
Dijon 115 (various)

**VITICULTURAL AREA**

The 2021 Lyra Pinot Noir is a barrel selection from some of our favorite vineyard sites within the Sonoma Coast AVA. The 2021 blend is predominantly comprised of Pinot Noir from the Marine Layer Vineyard (44%) and the Dutton-Gravenstein Vineyard (39%), both of which lie in the Sebastopol Hills sub-AVA. The blend also includes small lots from the Whistler and Walala Vineyards from the north Sonoma Coast sub-AVA of Annapolis, small lots of Grand Vent and Gap's Crown Vineyards from the south Sonoma Coast sub-AVA of Petaluma Gap, and a touch of Dutton-Jentoft Vineyard from the west Sonoma Coast sub-AVA of Green Valley.

We find diversity in the climate, soil, and clonal types from all of these sites, which allows us the freedom to explore and experiment with creative blending. All of these vineyards come together to represent the 4 corners of the AVA, illustrating the true beauty of Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir.

**VINIFICATION**

Fruit harvested by hand in early September. Hand-sorted and gently de-stemmed to keep whole berries intact, with 35% whole-cluster inclusion. Three to four-day cold soak under dry ice to preserve freshness. Native yeast fermentation in two 5 ton open-top tanks with gentle pumpovers and manual punchdowns at peak fermentation. After three weeks on the skins, wine was gravity drained overnight and barreled down for malolactic. Wine aged for 11 months in 25% new oak until gently racked off of lees, and the blend assembled. Bottled unfiltered and lightly filtered.

**TASTING NOTES**

The 2021 Lyra is layered, lifted, and bright, and in our opinion, the epitome of Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. Bright ruby in color with a nose of violets and rich red berries. The palate shows high-toned red fruits, with layers of red raspberry, cardamom, and citrus peel. With soft and integrated tannins, the 2021 Lyra is perfectly balanced with an elegance often found in some of our favorite wines.



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