

REVIEWS - JEB DUNNUCK - JULY 2023

2021 HAWK HILL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY - 94 POINTS

Fresh and lifted with wet stone, the 2021 Chardonnay Hawk Hill Vineyard offers pure notes of pure citrus blossoms, crystalline green apple, and a touch of flint. This medium-bodied white is linear and all about its mineral texture, with good underlying concentration in its notes of fresh peach, saline, and baking spice. This is an exceptional white with great energy throughout and a personal highlight from this lineup.

2021 LYRA PINOT NOIR - 92 POINTS

Floral perfume is expressive in the 2021 Pinot Noir Lyra, with cinnamon sticks, roses, and red cherry notes. Medium-bodied, it is ripe with red plum, wild herbs, and a bit of toasted oak spice on the finish. It is savory and dry, with fine tannins and a bit of crunchy texture from the partial use of whole clusters. It's drinking well now and will drink well over the next 6-8 years.

2021 GRAVENSTEIN VINFYARD PINOT NOIR - 95 POINTS

Entirely from the Calera clone and 45% whole cluster, the 2021 Pinot Noir Dutton-Gravenstein Vineyard is spicier, displaying a woodsy profile along with notes of purple flowers and raspberry liqueur. This mediumbodied red is spicy on the palate, but the fruit is ripe throughout and has a meatiness to it. Revealing fresh acidity in its notes of peppercorn, ripe cherry, and pine, it's a wonderfully rich and layered wine that will benefit from another 6 months to a year in cellar. Drink 2024-2036.

2021 MARINE LAYER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR - 94 POINTS

Pouring a deeper ruby, the 2021 Pinot Noir Marine Layer Vineyard has a darker profile and is more reserved at this point, with black raspberry, violets, and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, it has a silky texture, with black cherry, gravelly stones, and a bit of charred toast on the finish, as well as the earthiness of freshly turned soil. Drink 2024-2034.