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2020 MONTEREY PINOT NOIR

<i>appellation:</i>	MONTEREY
<i>soils:</i>	CHUALAR AND ARROYO SECO LOAMS (GRANITIC)
<i>climate:</i>	COOL TO MODERATE, REGION I TO II (UCD)
<i>alcohol:</i>	13.8%
<i>acidity:</i>	5.8 G/L
<i>ph:</i>	3.52
<i>cooperage:</i>	10 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK; 20% NEW
<i>retail price:</i>	\$22.00



PLACE

The Monterey appellation is the largest in Monterey County, and encompasses a broad range of viticulture microclimates influenced by proximity to the Monterey Bay. The deep, cold waters of one of the world's largest submarine canyons act as the AVA's natural air conditioning, generating strong afternoon breezes and evening fog. Abundant sunshine and cool evenings extend the growing season, resulting in fruit of superior flavor and balance.

Our Monterey Pinot Noir is a blend primarily from select Santa Lucia Highlands sites. The complexity and approachability of this wine is a direct result of its varied origins across the Santa Lucia Highlands and greater Monterey County.

VINTAGE

Plentiful rainfall in the winter and spring months contributed to good growth conditions and bud break early in the 2020 season. Cold and windy conditions during bloom in late May moderately reduced crop sizes. Summer saw typical weather with warmer weeks as harvest approached. Vine and cluster health were excellent, with high-quality, clean fruit. Wildfires in early August challenged Santa Lucia Highland growers to monitor smoke exposure and select only unaffected fruit for harvest.

WINE

The wine was fermented in open top tanks and received manual punch-downs. This enabled good extraction and structure development with pleasant tannins. After fermentation, the wine was transferred to French oak barrels. The 20% new oak gives the wine subtle spice and vanilla characters without overpowering the elegant fruit profile.

This appellation-tier pinot noir has a bright red color, and displays aromas of wild strawberry, black cherry, and christmas cake. The nose is backed by flavors of red and black fruits, leather, and baking spices. Medium bodied with a rich fruit core, this wine is a perfect pairing for anything from grilled salmon to braised lamb shank.