



2021 PHELPS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

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They say great wine comes from vineyards with great views and that could not be truer with this site, sitting at 1700 feet elevation in a meadow overlooking the Eel River Valley and rugged coastline.

VINEYARD

Perched atop Perry Meadow at 1700 feet elevation in Humboldt County, Phelps Vineyard is a grand cru site offering breathtaking views of the Mattole Valley and the Eel River Valley, just 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Accessible via a rugged 45-minute journey from Briceland, this remote location fosters an ideal microclimate for grape cultivation, with cool temperatures and oceanic influences extending the growing season. Planted on a bench just below the top of the ridge, Phelps Vineyard is protected from the winds that whip up the Mattole Valley, further enhancing its suitability for producing top-quality grapes.

WINEMAKING

The grapes undergo temperature-controlled, native fermentation in stainless steel open-top tanks with 18% whole-cluster, receiving two punch downs per day. Barrel aging consists of 25% new Francois Freres VTC MT 3Y French oak for 11 months.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, the wine presents a beautifully layered aromas of red cherries, forest floor, and a mineral essence. These earthy nuances add layers of complexity, complemented by delicate hints of floral undertones, contributing to its overall sense of refinement. Upon tasting, the wine reveals a harmonious balance of fruit, acidity, and structure. Ripe cherries dominate the palate, their sweetness tempered by a vibrant acidity that imparts freshness and vitality. Fine-grained tannins provide a firm yet supple backbone, lending structure and depth to the wine's velvety texture.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

APPELLATION	Humboldt County
CLONES	Martini, 777, 115, 667
SOIL TYPES	Franciscan Loam
FARMING	Practicing Organic
YEARS PLANTED	1993 & 2010
HARVEST DATE	September 22nd & 25th
BRIX	23.-24.5
WHOLE-CLUSTER	18%
BARREL PROGRAM	11 Months, 25% New Francois Frere
BOTTLING	Unfined, Unfiltered
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	7 Barrels 175 cases