

Opolo

2021 RESERVE PINOT NOIR CENTRAL COAST

Introducing Opolo's first-ever Pinot Noir Reserve, sourced from ultra-coastal vineyards in the Santa Maria Valley and Arroyo Grande Valley—two of California's premier AVAs for this classic Burgundian variety. Only 344 cases produced.

VINEYARDS

The 2021 Pinot Noir Reserve comes from Clone 667 at Rancho Real Vineyard (74%) in Santa Maria Valley and Clone 828 at Norgrove Vineyard (26%) in Arroyo Grande Valley—combining to create a Pinot Noir of elegance, volume and complexity. The Santa Maria Valley is located in northern Santa Barbara County and is considered the pioneering AVA for fine Central Coast Pinot Noir. The weather is reliably cool and coastal, and the soils are sandy and well drained—conditions that are known to produce world-class Pinot Noir. Arroyo Grande Valley resides in southern San Luis Obispo County, where Norgrove Vineyard sits at the westernmost edge of the AVA just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were picked at both vineyards on October 11. Upon delivery to the winery, 10 percent of the fruit was placed in open-top 300-liter French oak barrels. Whole clusters were placed in the bottom of the barrels, while whole berries were layered on top for a semi-carbonic fermentation with daily manual punchdowns. The remainder of the wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks with additional whole-cluster and whole-berry treatment on the Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir. These artisanal fermentation techniques brought added freshness, complexity and spiciness to the wine. After fermentation, the free run juice was settled into 300-liter French oak barrels. After six months on the lees, the lots were blended together and returned to barrels for an additional nine months of aging.

WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Pinot Noir Reserve displays enticing aromas of strawberry, cherry, sandalwood, forest floor and savory spices. The mouthfeel is bright, luscious and creamy with flavors of fresh red fruits, while accents of vanilla, cedar and cola enhance the wine's delicate elegance. Suggestions of white pepper and baking spices unfold into a soft, silky finish. A wine for the true Pinot Noir connoisseur.



Composition

Pinot Noir 100%

Appellation

Central Coast

Aging

15 Months in French oak barrels (30% new)

Analysis

TA 5.3 pH 3.76 Alcohol 14.5% Cases Produced 344