

BlueFarm

2019 Pinot Noir, 1861 Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

Case Production: 47 / **SRP:** \$105.00

This vineyard is named both for its street address and coincidentally for the year in which Agoston Haraszthy was appointed by California's governor to "promote the improvement and growth of the grapevine" in the state.

The 1861 vineyard is planted on a plateau in the hills, a thousand feet above the Sonoma Plaza. Less than half an acre, the small site divides itself naturally into two blocks, one rockier than the other. The site is planted to the Pommard clone on 101-14 rootstock with a narrow spacing of 4' x 5'. Marine influence from both the Pacific Ocean and San Pablo Bay, combined with foggy mornings, allow the delicate pinot noir grapes to thrive in this rugged hillside setting.

Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

AVA: Sonoma Valley

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: 2008

Clone(s): Pommard

Rootstock: 101-14

Soil Type: Rocky loam

Aspect: Southern

Row Orientation: South/North

The Vintage

2019 was one of our cooler vintages in the last decade, with extended ripening and slow flavor development. Due to healthy winter rainfall, vines regenerated from the drought conditions in previous years, which resulted in healthy must. Rainy conditions during flowering in May caused some shatter resulting in lower than average yields. Our harvest started mid-September with our Russian River fruit. Ten days later, the bulk of our fruit came in and we concluded harvest in the first days of October. Fermentations were clean and easy, making 2019 a low maintenance vintage. The 2019 wines show beautiful aromas, medium weight on the pallet, with a long finish reminding me of the 2016 vintage. They are approachable now but will age gracefully for years to come. Enjoy! Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2019

Harvest Date: September 13

Harvest Brix: 25.8

Harvest pH: 3.8

Harvest TA: 6.5

Days in Tank: 17 days

Type of Tank: Open top stainless steel

Barrel Program: 100% New French Oak: Francois Freres, Cadus

Bottling Date: March 2021

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5

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Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 30-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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