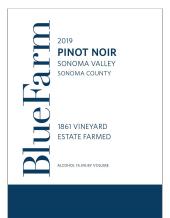
## 2019 Pinot Noir, 1861 Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

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 Case Production: 48 SRP: \$105

## **Blue Farm**

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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