

BlueFarm

2020 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

2020 was one of our most difficult vintages in the last decade. Winter rainfall was low, 14 inches compared to the normal of 24 inches. These drought conditions and constant temperature fluctuations caused a lower than normal set, resulting in lighter yields. Extreme heat in the middle to late August caused lightning storms which started fires in most of northern California. The heat impact was lessened by the higher than normal humidity. Our harvest started early September. We were picked in a few days, which was the right decision. Hang time was not desired this year because of the smoke. The wines were bottled in early March, allowing them to age in barrel for 17 months. Normally, I say that a vintage is a story in a bottle, however, the 20's do not expose all of the hardships of this year. The 2020 vintage wines are very approachable now, with soft tannins and delicious fruit. I feel very grateful that we were able to come out of this year with beautiful wines that we are proud to share. -Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2020

Harvest Date: September 7th

Harvest Brix: 25

Harvest pH: 3.64

Harvest TA: 5.57

Days in Tank: 20 days

Type of Tank: Open top stainless steel

Barrel Program: 100% New French Oak: Ateliér,
Cadus

Bottling Date: March 2022

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5

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Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 40-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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