2020 Pinot Noir, Gap's Crown Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

Case Production: 197 / SRP: \$85.00

Gap's Crown is one of the highly acclaimed North Coast Vineyards known for its layered Pinot Noirs. Our 777 block is close to the southeast corner of the vineyard on gravely clay loam. The tiny berries are the backbone, giving the wine its structure. The wine is elegant and racy, a true representation of the Sonoma Coast AVA. 2020 PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST SONOMA COUNTY GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD ESTATE FARMED ACCHOL 14 5% BY VOLUME

Closest Town: Petaluma AVA: Sonoma Coast Varietal: Pinot Noir Planted: Early 2000s Clone(s): 777 Rootstock: 420 A Soil Type: Goulding Series Aspect: 777/Flat Row Orientation: Southwest/Northeast

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 16th Harvest Brix: 25 Harvest pH: 3.65 Harvest TA: 5.67 Days in Tank: 20 Days Type of Tank: Small Open Top Stainless Steel Barrel Program: 54% New French Oak, Cadus, Atelie,r, Francois Freres Bottling Date: March 2022 Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5% Case Production: 197 SRP: \$85.00

Blue Farm

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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