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2019 Charlie Clay Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast

Production:	91 cases
Appellation:	Sonoma Coast
Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	100% Jack Hill
Alcohol:	13.57 % by volume

Winemakers' Perspective

The beginning of the 2019 growing season brought numerous days of heavy rainfall. By mid-March, the vineyard weather stations tallied 20 percent more rain than our annual average! As a result, the early vegetative growth of the vines was stalled, due to the saturated soil. Momentum quickly grew with warmer temperatures in April, and the much-dreaded bouts of rain during bloom time gratefully did not result in millerandage (unfertilized flowers growing into only tiny seedless berries). Fortunately, the ripening period was nearly perfect and pick decisions were made with the utmost patience as the weather allowed for extended hang-time.

Fruit for our 2019 Charlie Clay Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir came from a small single vineyard in the hills between the towns of Freestone and Occidental. A total of 1,600 vines, planted equally to a mix of Dijon clones and 828, capture both the delicate high-toned red fruit and earth tones typical of this growing region.

This beautiful expression of coastal Pinot Noir reveals aromas of wild red raspberry, fresh pomegranate and hibiscus tea. It's delicately structured on the palate, with great freshness.

Complementary tones of sweet tobacco leaf, red fruit, young lilac blossom and black tea linger gracefully on the finish. Our 2019 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir will drink best over the next 8+ years.

Cheers,

Clay Mauritson & Charlie Palmer



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