

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2021 PINOT NOIR WEST SONOMA COAST

### VINEYARD

- Clonal selection: 115, 777, 114
- Rootstocks: 101-14, rg
- Sites: Various exposures and soils
- Yield: 3.7 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 will be remembered for its intensely flavored berries, a smooth harvest and most importantly, exquisitely balanced, nuanced, and vivid wines. The season began with historically low rainfall which, coupled with a cold winter, delayed bud break. However, despite the cooler start to the year, the remainder of the season proved to be temperate with no relevant unfavorable weather events. Warm temps and mild May weather conditions, for example, favored a compact bloom and an extremely uniform fruit set with highly desirable small berries and moderately sized, well-spaced clusters. Meanwhile, summer's long, cool mornings and warm afternoons permitted the fruit on the vine to take a slow, leisurely ride to full maturity—excellent for the physiological fruit development we prize. Harvest kicked-off punctually at 12:01 am, September 6, and after six glorious weeks, blessed our house with a fine crop of remarkably delicious, energetic, young wines.

### HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest dates: September 6 - 22

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- 17% whole cluster inclusion
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 15 day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 9 months in French oak barrels; 33% new
- Coopers: François Frères, Cadus, Leroi, Remond, Taransaud, Tonnelleri O, Vicard, and others
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; August 2022

### TASTING NOTES

Hailing from the newly established West Sonoma Coast AVA, this inaugural release displays deep ruby in tint with Bing cherry, wild mountain berry, and an ethereal note of damp earth. Vibrant red and blue fruits dance on the palate, accompanied by oyster shell and a stony tension in character with its coastal influences. A silky texture and uplifted acidity add a sophistication and intensity to this wine, as well as a remarkably long finish.