

# BLACK KITE

CELLARS



## 2020 PINOT NOIR FERRINGTON VINEYARD ANDERSON VALLEY

### DATES

BOTTLING: May 2022  
RELEASE: August 2022

### GROWING CONDITIONS

Every growing season is unique, and 2020 was no different. The winter rains of 2019-2020 were below average, setting the stage for a low-yielding vintage. Not only did this result in deeply concentrated fruit, but it also had the effect of pushing up harvest dates earlier than normal, allowing us to bring in fully ripened fruit at earlier dates. In fact, between the hydric stress and heat spikes, our 2020 grapes achieved an ideal balance of sugars and natural acids, promising expressive flavors and ageworthy structure in the final wines.

### WINEMAKING AND COOPERAGE

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours and transported immediately to the winery, where they were destemmed and cold soaked for 48 hours, inoculated with a low rate of Burgundian yeast and punched down three times daily. After fermentation, the wine rested 18 months in a mix of new (67%) and one-year old French oak barrels from the Allier, Vosges, Tronçais and Bertranges forests.

### TASTING NOTES

Originally planted in the 1970's by Dr. Ferrington, this is one of Anderson Valley's legacy vineyards, coveted for its deeply flavored valley-floor fruit. At once mouth-filling and structured, our inaugural 2020 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir displays the site's signature dark berry complexity with a lovely tension from bright acidity and polished tannins. Black berry, plum, clove and dried flowers fill out the rich palate with sweet oak lingering on the extremely long finish. Enjoy upon release or cellar for up to 5-7 years.

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ALCOHOL  
14.1%

PINOT NOIR CLONES  
DIJON 777

CASES PRODUCED  
217

ACIDITY  
TITRATABLE ACIDITY  
0.610 g/L

PRICE  
\$75/BOTTLE

PH  
3.50