

# BLACK KITE

## CELLARS

### 2020 PINOT NOIR WENDLING 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

Located in Anderson Valley's remote "Deep End", Wendling is the appellation's northernmost vineyard. The site is rimmed by evergreens and often shrouded in fog, producing wines noted for their vibrancy and focus. Our 2020 Wendling Vineyard Pinot Noir is a study in evolving impressions. At first, an enticing mix of violets, orange Pekoe Tea and baking spice take center stage while, as it opens, the rich berry core emerges, unfurling on the palate in rich layers, nuanced by dark chocolate and allspice. Lovely fine-grained tannins and bright acidity highlight the long, concentrated finish. Enjoy upon release of cellar for up to 7-9 years.

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ALCOHOL  
14.1%

PINOT NOIR CLONES  
2A, 943, 828

CASES PRODUCED  
143

ACIDITY  
TITRATABLE ACIDITY  
0.60 g/L

PRICE  
\$75/BOTTLE

PH  
3.41