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PINOT NOIR

VAN DER KAMP VINEYARD

Sonoma Mountain | Sonoma County

ABOUT

Van der Kamp is one of California's oldest Pinot Noir vineyards and located near the highest point on Sonoma Mountain. At 1400 ft. elevation, van der Kamp vineyard sits above the frost line and experiences its own microclimate. Pinot Noir thrives on van der Kamp's north facing bench with a cooling influences and an abundance of sun. These dramatically sloping vineyards are farmed using organic and Biodynamic practices, some blocks dry-farmed. The patchwork of soil types includes loam with volcanic material and decomposed river bed.

WINEMAKING

This Pinot Noir expresses a dynamic, cross-section of van der Kamp vineyard. Five clones—UCD 23, 777, 828, Swan, Old Vine heritage—are used from different locations on the property, providing a painter's palate that supply a cornucopia of colors and add to the overall complexity of the finished wine. The 828 clone is the always the last block picked and exudes a rounded cherry flavor and deep concentration of fruit. Twenty-five percent of the 828 clone was vinified whole cluster, heightening the aromatics of the overall blend.

TASTING NOTES

An intensely perfumed nose of raspberry, cocoa, sandalwood and bay leaf. Spicy entry of clove and sarsaparilla lead into a juicy, berry acidity. Forrest floor earthiness and a subtle vanilla note add complexity to the palate. The classic van der Kamp tannins are balanced by a full, rich finish. A structured, Old World-styled Pinot Noir that expresses the complexity of mature vines.

TECHNICAL NOTES

100% Pinot Noir | Swan, 777, UCD 23, 828, Old Vine heritage clones
Open-top fermentors, native primary and secondary fermentations
Alc. 14.1% | pH 3.48 | TA 0.60 g/100mL
894 cases
Price \$42

