
LIOCO

2019 *Laguna*
Sonoma Coast
Pinot Noir

AROMA

cilantro, strawberry-rhubarb, geranium

FLAVOR

raspberry tart, game meat, verbena

FOOD PAIRINGS

duck sausage, dirty rice + beans, turkey kofta

VINIFICATION

7.7 tons hand-harvested and sorted on Sept. 6, 11, and 12. All vineyards and clones were kept separate and underwent spontaneous fermentation on wild yeasts after a 4-day cold soak. 15% whole clusters were included. Aged for 10 months in 25% new oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

SITE

A blend of two distinctive coastal vineyards. Teac-Mor is a humming biodynamic ranch 15mi. from the sea, at low elevations of <100ft Clones Pommard and 777 planted in the mid-90s on wildly complex soils (sand, loam, silt, clay, volcanic). Sealift Vineyard sits between the first and second ridge, just 5 miles from the sea at 700ft. Clone 115 planted in 1999 on a sandier soil base full of seashells.

NOTES

Late last year, we received a cease-and-desist order from a big, corporate wine company claiming they had the sole rights to the name *Laguna*. Despite the fact that it refers to a wondrous place (the Laguna de Santa Rosa) that in our mind nobody should own, we couldn't marshal the resources to fight them. And so, here it is: the final vintage of *Laguna* Pinot Noir—a stalwart in our cellar since 2008. And what a swan song it was. A warm, dry year that gave us small clusters, ripe tannins, and a wine with the characteristic crunchy red fruit like rhubarb and pomegranate. We blended a few barrels of our far coast vineyard designate Sealift with two magical Teac Mor lots (Pommard and 777). Each year the biodynamic farming at Teac Mor has improved the ecology of the place. This vineyard literally hums with life and the wine does too.

DETAILS

Vineyard: Teac-Mor, Sealift
Appellation: Sonoma Coast
County: Sonoma
Winemaker: Drew Huffine
Production: 448 cases
Anticipated maturity: 2021-2026

pH: 3.4
Brix: 23.0°
Total acidity: 7.2 g/l
Residual sugar: 0.1 g/l
Alcohol: 13.7%
Yield: 3 T/acre
Clones: Pommard, 777, 115
Harvest date: 9/6, 9/11, 9/12
Bottling date: 8/6/2020

