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2019 Kiser Vineyard  
Anderson Valley  
Pinot Noir

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## AROMA

espresso, mulberry, anise seed

## FLAVOR

red plum, earth, saline

## FOOD PAIRINGS

slow-cooked short ribs, lamb vindaloo ,  
grilled hangar steak w/ chimichurri

## VINIFICATION

3.84 tons hand-harvested and sorted on Sept. 14, 23, and 27. All clones fermented separately (15% whole cluster) in open-top tanks using wild yeasts. A 4-day cold soak preceded regular cap management for balanced extraction during a 12-16 day primary fermentation. Aged for 10 months in 50% new oak. Bottled without fining or filtration.

## SITE

Just 9.5 miles from the Pacific, the iconic Kiser Vineyard is situated in far northwestern corner of Anderson Valley's "Deep End." An extremely cool site with two distinctive blocks, each with its own clones/soil type, planted almost 20 years ago. The upper 'En Haut' block (600ft. elevation) has clones 114, 667, and 777 on compressed sandstone and bands of schist. The lower 'En Bas' block (300ft. elevation) has clone 115 on dense stony soils. The vineyard is cared for by the Kiser family.

## NOTES

Our third year at this iconic site located in what we call "the deep end of the deep end." Kiser and it's neighbor to the North at Wendling are the at the western boundary line of the Anderson Valley AVA. Travel any further down Highway 128 and you're bushwhacking prehistoric redwoods. Kiser lies just 11-miles from a cold turbulent stretch of the Pacific Ocean. This zone is reliably cool and foggy during the summer necessitating longer hang times and significantly reducing yields. The wet years are just brutal out there, but during the droughty years as we have seen of late, the old adage about finding exceptional wines from "cooler sites in warmer years" holds true. We feel we have made improvements in the wine each year here and as much as we all like the 2018, the 2019 may be an even better wine. The clusters were visual clones of one another in their small, compact morphology. The juice rendered from these little grenades was concentrated, powerful, and yet somehow still elegant. Kiser!

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## DETAILS

Vineyard: Kiser  
Appellation: Anderson Valley  
County: Mendocino  
Winemaker: Drew Huffine  
Production: 139 cases  
Anticipated maturity: 2025

pH: 3.34  
Brix: 23.1°  
Total acidity: 7.2 g/l  
Residual sugar: 0.1 g/l  
Alcohol: 13.0%  
Yield: 2.5 T/acre  
Clones: 667, 777, 115  
Harvest dates: 9/14, 9/23  
Bottling date: 1/28/2021

