
LIOCO

2019 *La Selva*
Anderson Valley
Pinot Noir

AROMA

briar, oolong tea, redcurrant

FLAVOR

huckleberry, Italian plum, pine

FOOD PAIRINGS

pulled pork tacos, Tuscan ribs, bistro burger with grilled onions

VINIFICATION

2.3 tons hand-harvested and sorted on Sept. 11, 18, and 23. All vineyards and 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 13-16 day fermentation. Aged for 10 months in 30% new oak. Bottled without fining or filtration.

SITE

From a selection of premier vineyards in the Anderson Valley: Kiser, Edmeades, and Abel. Pinot Noir clones 114, 115, 777, and Swan planted 20+ years ago in varied soils of decomposed sandstone, clay, and fractured rock in elevations ranging from 400-1100 feet. Along with an omnipresent marine influence, this valley is defined by the presence of old growth redwood trees. *La Selva* means 'the forest' in Spanish.

NOTES

We no longer have an anchor vineyard source for *La Selva* after parting company with growers who failed to deliver the quality we expect for \$4,000+ per ton grapes. These inconsistencies in the vineyard(s) resulted in too many expensive barrels being sent downstream into our Mendocino Pinot Noir—a proposition that was perhaps good for the brand, but not so great for the winery's cost of goods! That said, we're ALL IN on the Anderson Valley. We are still captivated by the melange of ocean, and fog, and forest and the way these influences play out in the wines. As such, we made the decision to safeguard *La Selva* by allocating material from our Vineyard Designates. The 2019 installment blended out thusly: 17% Kiser Vineyard + 50% Abel Vineyard + 33% Edmeades Vineyard. Three distinctive deep-end sites—one on grey schist at elevation, one on decomposed sandstone on the mid-slope, and one on alluvial soils of the valley floor, respectively. The resulting wine telegraphs the characteristics of place—the purple flowers, the black raspberries and alpine strawberries, the pine sap.

DETAILS

Vineyard: Kiser, Abel, Edmeades
Appellation: Anderson Valley
County: Mendocino
Winemaker: Drew Huffine
Production: 143 cases
Anticipated maturity: 2021-2027

pH: 3.47
Brix 22.7°
Total acidity: 6.6 g/l
Residual sugar: 0.1 g/l
Alcohol: 13.0%
Yield 2-4 T/acre
Clones: 114, 115, 777, Swan
Harvest dates: 9/11, 9/18, 9/23
Bottling dates: 8/6/2020

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