



SANDAR & HEM

2021 DEERHEART VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

APPELLATION: Santa Cruz Mountains

VINEYARD: Deerheart Vineyard

VARIETY: 100% Pinot Noir, Dijon and Swiss clones including 459, 667, 777, 828, 943, and 2A

WINEMAKING: Open tank ferments with 40% whole cluster. WC fermentations managed with pigeage and pumpover, destemmed tanks alternating pumpover and gentle punchdowns. Aged 17 months in French oak barriques (20% new) and bottled unfiltered.

CASES PRODUCED: 140

RELEASE DATE: Fall 2023 (SRP \$58)

THE VINEYARDS

Planted on picturesque south-facing slopes of clay and loam, the Deerheart Vineyard lies just five miles from the Pacific Ocean and is bordered by the La Honda Open Space Preserve. With a compelling mix of Dijon and Swiss clones, most the vines are planted at a dense 4-foot spacing to promote lower yields. The coldest blocks are trellised just 18" off the ground to capture the heat of the earth on this cool coastal site at the frontier-edge of the AVA.

THE VINTAGE

There was little rainfall through the winter with less than 15 inches of rain. Moderate spring and summer temperatures allowed for slow and even ripening. Harvested on September 30th.

TASTING NOTES

Crunchy aromas of morello cherry, plum and mulberry intermixed with toasted brioche, slate and earth. Intensely pure raspberry and plum notes on the palate with whole cluster bringing lavender aromas, savory notes, deep structure and a velvety texture to the party, all framed by the vibrant acidity that is hallmark for the site.

