

# ENA PINOT NOIR - MARIAH VINEYARD

## MENDOCINO RIDGE

### 2020



#### VINEYARD

Mariah Vineyards is under the Mendocino ridge sub-AVA, one of the most exclusive cool climate AVAs in California. Mariah Vineyards, a magical and magnificent mountaintop island, resides about 5 miles from the Pacific coast, 2600 feet above the Pacific Ocean and rests above the fog line. The property is conducted following regenerative and organic methods and is completely dry farmed.

#### VARIETY, CLONE

Pinot Noir, 80% Clone 115, 20% Clone 777

#### CASES

195

#### WINEMAKING

Oh, 2020, What a year... second vintage for ENA, and we got married!

After our first experience with Mariah Vineyard in 2019, we understood the great potential of this land to produce fresh and vibrant wines.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 we called the pick! Dan, once again, hopped in his 1960s vintage Peterbilt, drove down the mountain at 4am and brought us the delicious bounces. When we received the fruits at the winery, we could still feel the Mendocino Ridge's night coolness.

We hand sorted the bunches and decided to leave 35% whole clusters. After a couple of days, fermentation started by itself with indigenous yeast and took around ten days to complete. After fermentation, we left the wine on skins for an additional week.

We drained the tank and filled the neutral oak barrels to go ahead with malolactic fermentation. This took about three weeks after which we racked the wine, added a small amount of sulfur dioxide, and put it back to barrels for aging.

The wine aged with minimal SO<sub>2</sub> additions and without any movement until June 2021. We bottled on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### TASTING NOTES

A brilliant and delicate ruby color surrounded by garnet hues.

The nose starts frank, delicate and involving. Plenty of wild strawberries, cherries and blackberries notes develop into complex and addicting savory characters of lavender, orange peel and sage. The nose ends on flinty hints with perpetual forest floor notes. A direct travel through the wilderness of Mendocino Ridge, after a rainy day!

At first, the palate is ample, opulent, multidimensional! A focused, vibrant, and comforting feeling becomes the main plot of the mouthfeel, highlighted by smooth and silky tannins. After few sips, ENA Pinot Noir 2020 remains in your palate with persistent juicy notes of wild berries and cherries. The liveliness and voluptuousness of this wine are uplifting.

To be enjoyed beautifully now. Expect it to develop greatly for the next 5 to 10 years.

#### NUMBERS

Alc: 13% | TA: 6.6 g/L | pH: 3.58 | VA: 0.52 g/L | RS: 0.1 g/L | TSO<sub>2</sub>: 64 mg/L