

RUSACK

SANTA CATALINA ISLAND VINEYARDS

2021 PINOT NOIR

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VINTAGE: 2021

VARIETAL: 100% PINOT NOIR

APPELLATION: CALIFORNIA

GROWER/RANCH: RUSACK, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND
VINEYARDS, EL RANCHO ESCONDIDO

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA

BOTTLING DATE: AUGUST 2022

CASES PRODUCED: 173 CASES

RETAIL PRICE: \$72.00

RELEASE DATE: WINTER 2022

FERMENTATION: TEN DAY FERMENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 20
DAY EXTENDED MACERATION IN 1 TON OPEN
BINS WITH REGULAR HAND PUNCH DOWNS

AGING: 11 MONTHS

100% FRENCH OAK (40% NEW)

BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 12.7%

pH: 3.65

TA: 0.599g/100ml

TASTING NOTES: THIS IS AN ELEGANT, SENSUAL WINE WITH
LUSH TEXTURE, REVEALING SUMPTUOUS
FLAVORS OF RAINIER CHERRY, POMEGRANATE,
AND CRANBERRY. BURGUNDIAN AROMATICS
OF FOREST FLOOR, ORANGE ZEST AND HINTS
OF LEATHER COMBINE WITH A DELICATE
SOFTNESS THAT LINGERS ON THE PALATE.

A match made in heaven! The 'terroir' found at Santa Catalina Island's El Ranch Escondido is unique in the world and its cool climate, morning fogs, ocean breezes and clay/loam soils make it the perfect place for Pinot Noir! In 2007, a blend of French Clones were planted in three small blocks, and due to row orientation and specific location at the ranch, each has its own micro-climate. When harvested, the grapes were fermented in 1 ton containers, with daily hand punch downs, and then gently transferred to French oak barrels. This beautiful Pinot Noir was aged in barrel for 11 months before being bottled without filtration.

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