

2020 FERRINGTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Anderson Valley

TASTING NOTES

The Ferrington Vineyard lies on a gently sloping bench overlooking the town of Boonville in the heart of Anderson Valley. One of the earliest sites to be planted in this historic appellation, Ferrington boasts some of the oldest Pinot Noir vines in the region. These old vines produce wines with wonderful complexity and effortless balance. The Anderson Valley in general, and Ferrington Vineyard in particular, is famous for marrying depth and density with electric acidity, and the 2020 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir is a perfect example of this. Tangy blue fruit, tart cherry, elderberry, cranberry, and pomegranate notes emerge in harmony and evolve slowly in the glass. Notes of black pepper, struck match, and copper penny minerality add complexity to the long finish.

Peak drinking window: 2023 though 2035

VINEYARD NOTES

The Ferrington Vineyard, one of California's most acclaimed Pinot Noir Vineyards, sells to eight wineries and is tucked away just off Highway 128 in Booneville, a small town in the heart of the Anderson Valley. Though 25 acres of the vineyard is planted to multiple clones of Pinot Noir, we have selected a block in the vineyard that was planted to the Pommard clone because of its proven legacy in this cold climate appellation. Pommard is one of the oldest Pinot Noir clones found in California and is favored by many winemakers for its ability to produce outstanding wines without the help of other blending clones. It is respected for its reliable color, intense fruit, and fragrant spice components. The vineyard has a gentle southfacing slope, and has decomposed sandstone and clay soils with three to four feet of topsoil. This vineyard was originally planted in the late 1960s although some of the 25 acres of Pinot Noir vines were planted in 1998 and some more recently.

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