



2021 Bootlegger's Hill Pinot Noir

Russian River Valley

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Vineyard

Planted by Charlie Chenoweth and his team in 2010. This vineyard is the fruit source for some of the most famous Russian River Valley producers like Kosta Browne and Patz & Hall. I was lucky to wiggle my way into this amazing vineyard just outside of the town of Occidental. The site once produced moonshine during prohibition, hence its name. For the Jewell project, I source from two different blocks which are planted to the Mt. Eden and the Calera Clone. The Mt. Eden clone contributes structure and dark tones and spices, while the Calera brings out the beauty in the wine: fragrant cherry blossoms and stony minerality.

Winemaking

The grapes underwent temperature-controlled, native fermentation receiving two punch downs per day. Barrel aging consists of 50% Boutes & Francois Freres VTG MT 3Y for 16 months.

Tasting Notes

The 2021 Bootlegger’s Hill aroma is dominated by the presence of ripe raspberries, offering an indulgent scent. Accompanying this is the familiar note of red licorice, contributing a touch of nostalgic appeal. A subtle hint of watermelon adds a refreshing aspect to the fragrance, while delicate Asian spices introduce an exotic element. On the palate, the red fruit flavors shine through, in line with the promise of the aromas, and the gentle essence of red licorice continues to influence the taste. The mid-palate boasts a medium-plus body, giving the wine a satisfying weight. This smooth transition leads to a velvety mouthfeel with complex layers of flavors and textures, inviting you to savor its intricate character.

Technical Details

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Sub Appellation	Green Valley
Clones	Calera & Mt. Eden
Soil Types	Gold Ridge
Farming	Sustainable
Years Planted	2009
Harvest Date	9/15/2021
Brix	24.6
Alcohol	14.2%
Production	100

Accolades

Decanter	94 Points
“This is a tension-filled, expressive, powerful Pinot Noir from Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard, a source for Kosta Browne, CIRQ, and Joseph Phelps. Super-expressive dark berry scents mixed with cedarwood, toasted fennel, and crushed cocoa nibs. Medium to full-bodied with silken cherry, cranberry fruit, and tart, crunchy red apple acidity. Consumers will revel in the excellent mid-palate depth, which builds with flinty minerals, warm earthen hummus, and toasted cardamom on the long finish. 5 barrels produced. Drinking Window: 2023 - 2028”	
- Jonathan Cristaldi, October 2023	