

# VERRACO · RIDGE · MONTEREY COUNTY PINOT NOIR 2020

## BACKGROUND

With its mild climate and dramatic Pacific coastline encompassing the world-renowned Big Sur, Monterey County has forever attracted pioneers, artists, inventors, and independent thinkers. We grow the fruit for our wines in this fabled region, where we share the remote and rugged hills with free-spirited wild boars known in Spanish as “Verraco.”

## APPELLATION

We grow all the fruit for our wines on our home turf--the Monterey American Viticultural Area (AVA) of California's Central Coast. With decades of experience growing grapes in this region, our vineyard and winemaking teams draw on deep practical knowledge along with free-wheeling creative inspiration to produce award-winning wines. The warm, sunny days and cool nights in our coastal climate are noted for producing elegant, complex Pinot Noir.

Grape Sourcing: 100% Monterey County

## WINEMAKING

To accentuate the aromas and flavors of juicy cherry and berry, we extend maceration on the skins during fermentation. Then we age the wine for 14 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels for additional structure and finesse.

Varietal Blend: 100% Pinot Noir

Alc. By Vol. 14.5%, TA 5.4%, pH 3.4

## WINE NOTES

Aromas of black cherry, cranberry, and hibiscus highlighted by notes of cola and toasty smoke; a long, silky finish.

Suggested Pairings: Rack of lamb, grilled veal chop, pork loin with sage.

