



SEA VIEW RIDGE PINOT NOIR 2019

WINEMAKER NOTES

THE PLACE — ROOTED IN THE MYSTERIOUS RED FRACTURED ROCK, PIETRA IS THE ICONIC STRIKING ROCKY OUTCROPPING ENTRY OF SEA VIEW RIDGE. THE NARROW RIDGETOP IS INSULATED BY DENSE COASTAL FOREST ON THREE SIDES, PROVIDING AN ICONIC VIEWPOINT OF SEA VIEW RIDGE AND A GLIMPSE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN BELOW. THE SETTING AMPLIFIES THE RED ROCK TERROIR, EXEMPLIFYING MINERAL AROMAS WITH EXCEPTIONAL FINE-GRAINED TEXTURE, TENSION, AND LENGTH.

THE SOIL – Intense stand of red rock underfoot. Beneath the surface, the profile of Pietra ranges from 70 to 90% rock. Roots follow fractures in between rocks. Pietra's finest terroir is where the heart of the root system exists in an environment abundant with stone and tight areas of the soil profile.

THE WINE – Brooding aromas of damp earth conjure a forest after the first winter rain, with hints of florals, dark fruit, and black tea adding to this wine's depth and complexity. A core of rich, juicy dark fruit on the palate gets a vibrant wrap of savory herbs, spices, and minerals, with almost visceral texture carrying the wine into a dry, minerally finish.

THE VINTAGE – The 2019 vintage at Sea View Ridge was marked by uncommon snowfall of two inches and above-average rainfall. 90 inches occurred during the winter months (50% above the five-year average), saturating the soil profiles, and leaving the ground underfoot soft and spongy. Cover crops were abundant, leading into a later than average bud break on April 7th. Spring temperatures on the coast remained cool for an extended period, with a very unseasonable 10.5 inches of rain falling in mid-May, ensuring supported soils going into the summer months. Summer was warm and mild, with bloom occurring as expected in early June. Seasonal temperatures continued, providing even growth and ripening, promising fresh acidity. Harvest at Sea View Ridge began September 12th, ending September 23rd.

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