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From the dense fog and brilliant sun, to the high winds, cool coastal air, and diverse terrain, the California coast presents many challenges. And yet it's still one of the best winegrowing areas for producing world-class Pinot Noir. Each of the vineyards chosen for this wine offers the best expression of its respective appellation, carefully blended to achieve balance, complexity, and richness of flavor.

## **GROWING SEASON**

The 2021 vintage was a relatively cool growing season through spring and summer. Harvest began a bit later than normal, around the first week of September with grapes being picked into the second week of November. Consistent moderate-to-cool temperatures created a bit of a compressed harvest. The lack of precipitation combined with cooler temperatures allowed for white and rosé grapes to maintain their natural acidity and fully express their aromatics and flavors before being picked. Red grapes were able to ripen slowly, developing dark fruit characters and rich, rounded tannins. The result is beautiful wines showcasing the best that California has to offer.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes used to make this wine are picked at optimum ripeness levels, delivering jammy and dark fruit characteristics and deep color. During fermentation, both punch-downs and pump-overs were used to ensure balanced extraction of flavor, aromatics, structure, and color. We aged in 100% French oak to allow the sweet and structural influences from the oak to mingle seamlessly with the rich fruit and ripe tannins. The result is an evocative wine that is well-balanced, richly flavored, and deliciously complex.

# **TASTING NOTES**

With a rich garnet color and a ruby edge, this Pinot Noir wine offers lifted aromas of bright fruit jam, mocha, and oak. The wine owes much of its complexity to its varied upbringing, unifying grapes from California's most notable winegrowing regions. Meiomi® Pinot Noir brings you structure and depth seldom seen in a Pinot Noir wine, thanks to its unique and meticulous aging process. Aged for six months in French oak barrels, this California red wine's juicy strawberry flavor and notes of dark berries and toasted mocha add complexity and depth on the palate.



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AGING 6 months in French oak

## **ALCOHOL** 13.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY 5.6 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR 25 g/L

### **pH** 3.9

### **APPELLATION** California



grapes from CALIFORNIA



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