



2020 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir

Gorgeously perfumed and redolent of clove studded currants and cranberry crumble, our Anderson Valley pinot features the purity of red fruit that characterizes this cool pocket of Mendocino County. With a juicy palate of red fruit, graham and baking spice, this pinot will be a sure favorite in your cellar. The long, lingering finish begs for another sip.

Vineyard:

And baby, we're back. After a 9-year hiatus from Anderson Valley, the 2020 vintage offered up terrific fruit from this fantastic Mendocino County wine growing AVA. Like Sonoma County, Anderson Valley endured a dry winter, warm February, early bud break, and a warm, dry, mild summer. We knew a heat wave was coming on 9/5/20, our Anderson Valley harvest date. During the morning pick, it was so cold that I huddled in the cab of my dad's truck. As we came down the hill from Mendocino into Sonoma County, the sun rose high, bright, and strong. The fruit arrived at Grand Cru firm and cold as the crushpad concrete heated up. We couldn't have timed it better.

Harvest:

We hand harvested the fruit for our 2020 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir on 9/5/20. We hand-sorted and de-stemmed the grapes to 100% whole berry the same day. Our yield measured around 2.2 tons in aggregate. The truck sample yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 24.5

pH: 3.66

TA: 4.7 g/L

Fermentation:

I fermented the 2020 AV pinot in a stainless-steel tank using RB2 yeast, a well-known Burgundian strain. Fermentation temperatures peaked at 85 degrees. I drained and pressed on 9/7/20 and inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel using the B7 oenococcus strain.

Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 10 months in French oak, none new. I aged the 2020 vintage entirely in once used oak from Vicard, Francois Freres, and Remond, using both 228L and 500L vessels. Once used Remond barrels are actually among my favorites.

Blending:

This pinot noir is sourced entirely from the Charles Vineyard in Anderson Valley, Mendocino County.

Bottling:

We bottled this wine on July 26, 2021. The wine was aged in bottle for 14 months prior to our fall 2022 release date. I'm excited to share a wine from such a unique and delicious AVA. Welcome back Anderson Valley!

About Bruliam Wines:

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith Overstreet, "Bruliam" is an amalgamation of my three children's names. I strive to craft world class wines that reflect vineyard site and impeccable farming, doing our grower partners proud. Our charitable mandate imbues my work, which is to make something delicious you can enjoy tonight. For more information, please visit us at www.bruliamwines.com.