



2022 Nightwing Vineyard Pinot Noir

Dark cherry, raspberry coulis, and purple-fleshed plum are gift-wrapped in baking spices like mace and nutmeg. Medium bodied on the palate, a pop of cherry plays with hints of garrigue, sandalwood and whiff of cocoa. Lively acidity provides gentle lift that finishes with soft tannins, a landing strip for a smooth and long. This vineyard is a special site indeed!

Vineyard:

Introducing Nightwing. Planted in 2017, perched at 1200 feet elevation along the Eastern edge of the Petaluma Gap AVA, these vines endure punishing winds resulting in low yields, thick skins, and intense concentration. These grapes are bathed by the Petaluma Gap's morning fog and a persistent afternoon breezes. The name Nightwing evokes the nocturnal creatures, both avian and insect, that bring buzzing biodiversity to the vineyard at sunset. The name is also a nod to property owner Vernon Morelli, a retired WWII pilot who built a landing strip there, a quirky fact that predates vineyard development. I believe this vineyard has the potential to equal and even eclipse some of the finest vineyards in the region. Enjoy our inaugural vintage!

The 2022 growing season will be remembered for being hot, early, and fast. Our small crop accumulated sugar quickly, especially after significant mid-August heat. Luckily, we picked this fruit before the (next) September heat spike, harvesting in late August. After withstanding significant wind during the growing season, these young vines are audaciously rich in deep red fruits. The resultant wine displays a wonderful concentration of flavor, especially for a young vineyard.

Harvest:

We hand harvested the 777 clone fruit for our 2022 Nightwing Vineyard Pinot Noir on 8/23/22. We hand-sorted and destemmed the grapes to 100% whole berry the same day. Our yield measured around 2.057 tons in aggregate. (Of note, we were slated for 3T. When our block appeared to yield less than 1.5T, our vineyard manager said, "Kerith will be really mad if she doesn't get 2T..." And so, Lucio worked his magic). The truck sample yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 26.9
pH: 3.55
TA: 5.8 g/L

Fermentation:

I fermented the 2022 Nightwing Vineyard pinot in a stainless-steel tank using RC212 yeast, a reliable fermenter prized for red fruit character. Fermentation progressed quickly and temperatures peaked at 85 degrees. I drained and pressed on 9/3/22 and inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel using viniflora CH16.

Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 10 months in French oak, 50% new, including both Radoux and Taransaud.

Blending:

The Nightwing Vineyard pinot noir is 100% pinot noir comprised of clone 777.

Bottling:

We bottled this wine on July 15, 2023. We aged this wine for 8 months in bottle prior to our spring 2024 release date.

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.