

KOSTA BROWNE OBSERVATIONS SERIES

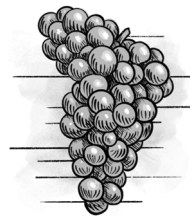
2019 Bootlegger's Hill Pinot Noir

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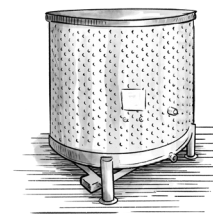
Nestled within the iconic Russian River Valley, Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard stands as a testament to its fruitful history as an apple orchard. Sheltered by towering redwoods, this revered site enjoys a magnificently cool climate with well-draining Goldridge soils that impart unparalleled intensity, elegance, and allure.

In crafting our 2019 Observations Series Bootlegger's Hill Pinot Noir, we embraced the essence of this esteemed vineyard with meticulous care. Unlike its counterpart in the Estate Series, this Pinot Noir utilized 20% whole cluster, revealing a distinct rustic and savory quality. Furthermore, only two of the same clones, 23 and CC, were used, allowing for a more nuanced expression of Bootlegger's Hill terroir. Notes of forest floor and fresh herbs intertwine seamlessly with bright red strawberries, Rainier cherries, and a hint of sarsaparilla. Balanced yet refined, perfectly integrated tannins create a mesmerizing, lengthy finish.

Fact of Note: The first and last pick of the vineyard were more than a month apart.



20%
whole cluster



100%
stainless steel



Aged in 32%
new French oak

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD Bootlegger's Hill, Russian River Valley AVA

CLONES Elite, CC, 459, 23, Pommard, 37, 115, Calera

TRELLISING VSP

SOIL Goldridge

TECHNICAL DETAILS

FERMENTATION 100% stainless steel; 20% whole cluster

ÉLEVAGE 32% new French oak, 44% neutral oak, 24% oak cask/foudre for 18 months, then 100% of the blend was aged for one month in stainless steel.

ALCOHOL 14.27%

pH 3.72

TA 5.6 g/L

TASTING NOTES

NOSE Vibrant aromas of strawberry and Rainier cherries are layered with fresh forest herbs and a hint of sarsaparilla.

MOUTH Vibrant yet balanced, with notes of red fruit, seamlessly integrated tannins, and a savory, lingering finish.