

PETER PAUL

WINES

2019 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Mille Freres

After watching how well the 2018 performed, the 2019 season simply said “hold my beer.” This vintage provided almost flawless growing conditions across Sonoma & Napa County. With nature’s gifts in 2019, there is much to look forward to (this does not happen every year – see 2020). The season saw juuuust the right amount of early heat to acclimate the baby grapes, followed by a well-behaved temperature arc through the extended summer that laid the groundwork for pristine fruit maturity. The result was an outstanding harvest with distinctly deep colors and sexy flavor development. Thankfully, we wrapped up Pinot Noir well before the late-October fires. 2019 might be a year we speak about for a long time. Good news too, in case 2021 tells 2020 to hold *its* beer.

About the Wine

Terra de Promissio, in the Petaluma Gap, provides the magnificent expression of our Pinot Noir. Since 2002, this source has gone into a veritable who’s who of Sonoma Coast producers (*Kosta Browne, Kistler, Gary Farrell, Siduri, Hanzell, Williams-Selyem*, to name a few). The land grows compellingly profound, luxurious fruit, providing the gravitas of our Gravenstein bottling and delivers the essential seduction of our magnetic Mille Freres. Harvested at night to preserve freshness and vibrancy, the grapes are carefully transported to open-top fermenters and gently punched down, followed by an undisturbed 14-month-long maturation in 50% new French Oak. Seeing no racking, no fining, and no filtration, this beauty was bottled in Dec 2020.

Tasting Note

2019 Mille Freres invites attention with aromas of heavenly red and black fruits, knee-weakening florals, savory yumminess, and an underlying joyful spice note, akin to an Argentine tango. Richly textured, this wine plays on the palate with flavors of dark berry preserve, pomegranate, truffle, rose petal, and a finishing kiss of sweet herbs that recall cinnamon and cardamom. Fans of the seductive, velvety side of Pinot Noir (because there are many!) will be especially pleased. This is a compelling Pinot Noir, albeit, one that must play the protagonist for two vintages – unfortunately no Mille Freres was made in 2020.

Technical Data

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir
Appellation: Petaluma Gap / Sonoma Coast
Clones: 115, 667, 777
Maturation: 100% French Oak, 50% new, 14 months
Bottled Date: December 2020
Production: 226 cases (12 x 750ml)