

## 2019 Sexton Road Ranch Pinot Noir

The Sexton Road Ranch Pinot Noir is the first wine Inman Family labeled as Sonoma Coast because of the vineyard's high elevation at 900 feet in the Sebastopol Hills. This area of Sonoma County can be either Russian River Valley or Sonoma Coast. Farmed by highly regarded grower Jim Pratt, Inman Family's winemaker Kathleen Inman wanted to make wine from this site for many years. In 2013, she secured the first fruit from this lovely vineyard perched above Freestone.

Pratt's Sexton Road Ranch is not far from the Klopp's Thorn Ridge Ranch, which Inman sourced from between 2006–2012. It is adjacent to Littorai's Pivot and Balletto's Sexton Hill ranches. The vineyard is about 9 miles from the Pacific Ocean. It is planted on steep hillsides of Goldridge soil. With carefully selected clones of Pommard, 777, 114, and 115, this vineyard yielded a rich, seductive Pinot Noir, with dark fruits and exotic spices that speak to the classically opulent style of this region. The luscious, dark, concentrated fruit and racy acidity combined with the generous tannins to create an age-worthy structure.

**Appellation:** Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County **Fruit Source:** Pratt Sexton Road Ranch

## **Tasting Notes**

Color: Dark ruby

Aroma: Scents of Cherry, dark berries are married with pleasant notes of exotic bay leaves and sage, and hints of oak

Flavor: Strawberries, blueberries, blackberry, black cherry, vanilla, cocoa, dried herbs, and exotic spices like cardamom and cumin. Tannins are grippy, and acidity is racy.

## **Winemaker Notes**

The fruit was picked by hand before dawn, destemmed at first light, and fermented one-ton fermenters. No water, acid, enzymes, or tannins were added. Once fermented dry, the must was pressed in a basket press, settled overnight, and then barreled down to French oak barrels, 20% of which were new Billon barrels. The wine was not fined and is suitable for vegans. It was filtered using crossflow technology and bottled under Stelvin closure.

**Case Production: 115** 

VINTAGE 2019 VARIETAL Pinot Noir HARVEST DATE September 2019 TA 6.4 PH 3.75 AGING French Oak 20% New **BOTTLING DATES** February 2021 **RESIDUAL SUGAR** 

