



LA FOLLETTE

AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SINGULAR VINEYARDS

2021 Sun Chase Pinot Noir

SONOMA COAST | SONOMA COUNTY

Planted on the west-facing hillside where the cool Petaluma Gap collides with Sonoma Mountain, Sun Chase Vineyard overlooks a broad sweep of the Sonoma County from the San Pablo Bay to north Santa Rosa. Our Pinot Noir block is just above the fog line in rocky soil. The growing season tends to be long and the weather not always so pleasant for humans but wonderful for grapes.

"This remarkable Petaluma Gap vineyard site never disappoints. Intense aromas and red-fruit flavors deliver a one-two punch that will captivate your palate."

WINEMAKER HUGH CHAPPELLE

SUN CHASE VINEYARD, PETALUMA GAP

- ~ Year Planted: 2007
- ~ Soil Type: Goulding Cobbly Clay Loam
- ~ Elevation: 1200'
- ~ Clones: 777 (32%) & 114 (68%) | Rootstock: 3309
- ~ Aspect: Northeast-Southwest Spacing: 3.2' x 6'

WINEMAKING

- ~ 100% Sun Chase Vineyard | 100% Pinot Noir
- ~ Harvested September 4-15, 2021
- ~ Hand-picked and hand-sorted; gently destemmed with no crushing with 15% whole clusters retained
- ~ Primary fermentation in small 4-ton open top tanks with manual punch downs 1-4 times daily
- ~ Gently basket-pressed before overnight settling and barreling down into traditional 60-gallon French Oak Burgundy barrels (25% new)
- ~ All cooperage was long air dried (3-4 years) and only low-medium toasted to best highlight fruit and terroir
- ~ Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel where the wine aged 16 months
- ~ Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on February 10, 2023

SENSORY

- ~ Visually bright with a ruby center that fades to an almost neon pink rim. Cherry, cranberry, and raspberry notes jump out of the glass along with cocoa powder, and green forest floor.
- ~ A light bodied pinot with high toned fruit which is wrapped in the perfect amount of grippy tannins from both the fruit and barrel. Toasty vanilla from French oak holds together the crunchy red fruit flavors providing both tension and delight.

CHEMISTRY

~ Alcohol 13.3% | pH 3.46 | TA 0.61

SRP

~ \$65

