

MARCHELLE



2020 Oppenlander Pinot Noir

Nestled amongst the redwoods in the rural village of Comptche, California which means "Valley Among The Hills" Oppenlander Vineyard grows in peaceful solitude. Bill and Norman Shandel tend to a 20-acre vineyard cooled by ocean breezes that is often one of the last to fully ripen in Mendocino County. The vineyard namesake is for their Great Grandfather Charles Oppenlander. The elements of a long cool growing season combined with a unique clay loam soil led to a wine with formidable structure, brambly fruit, and crisp oceanic acidity.

2020 Harvest

An exceptional year in the midst of a fire season, the isolation of this hanging valley near the Mendocino Coast protected this vineyard from harm in 2020, as it has been for over one hundred and thirty years. Picked in late October, this is one of the latest-ripening vineyards in Northern California.

Tasting Notes

Brambly, peppery, herbed smoked meats laced with maple syrup power the scent of fruit from this obscure vineyard amid a redwood forest clearing in a remote, but maritime cool site in Mendocino County. Flavors are intense and complex with near-ripe wild blackberry, strawberry pie and cranberry on the late palate.

Appellation: Mendocino County

Vineyard: Oppenlander Vineyard

Production: 62 cases

Alcohol by Volume: 14.8%

Residual Sugar: Dry (<.01%)

Winemaker: Greg La Follette

pH: 3.5 | **TA** 6.8 g/L

Size: 750ml

SRP: \$57.00