

MARCHELLE



2021 Grower's Reserve Pinot Noir, Mendocino

This unique blend comes from the Oppenlander Vineyard in Comptche of western Mendocino County and Manchester Ridge Vineyard, up at 2,200' elevation and the edge on the Pacific Ocean north of Point Arena. The Manchester's coastal floral fruit, plush and lively belying its rough existence, complimenting Norm and Kitty Shandel's highly structured Oppenlander Vineyard, now the 5th generation of the family farming their land. Both of these sites are extremely cool and on the edge of what is possible for California viticulture.

2021 Harvest

The 2021 vintage continued a drought streak, but these cold sites still produced later harvests. As is usual for these remote and chilly locations, the last of these grapes coming into the winery in late October. The fruit was in excellent condition as we picked before the first of the fall rains.

Fermentation and Ageing

Fermentation was mercifully trouble-free for both lots. Ageing was likewise a piece of cake, with almost 2 years on the fine fermentation lees in approximately 18% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

Highly structured and yet having great berry-cherry presentation, this second version of Growers Reserve shows how Pinot Noir can both have weight and structure and at the same time levitate, almost defying gravity. The wine is both complex and harmonious with a long finish and mild tannins.

Appellation: Mendocino

Alcohol by Volume: 14.2%

pH: 3.58 | **TA** 6.0 g/L

Vineyards: Manchester Ridge and
Oppenlander

Residual Sugar: Dry (<.01%)

Size: 750ml

Production: 243 cases

Winemaker: Greg La Follette and Evan Damiano