



The CALLING

Monterey County
PINOT NOIR

2019

BACKGROUND

The Calling wines are an honest expression of Sonoma's understated beauty. Our award-winning winemakers, James MacPhail and Wayne Donaldson, have created a portfolio of classic Sonoma wines sourced from some of the most iconic vineyards in the region. Founded by Jim Nantz, famed CBS sports commentator, and Peter Deutsch, CEO of Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits, our portfolio of elegant Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon wines call for effortless enjoyment with friends and loved ones. Eight years later, The Calling wines are now quality standards for the Sonoma region with more than 55 90+ ratings since the first vintage in 2012.

The warm sun, cool fog and complex soil composition make Monterey County wine country idyllic and ideal for growing quality Pinot Noir. The defining characteristic of these wines is balance, with flavor and structure that complement each other to make elegant wines.

APELLATION

Monterey County AVA

VINEYARD SOURCING

Francioni Farms - Monterey La Estancia - Santa Lucia Highlands
Wente Vineyard - Arroyo Seco Smith Family Vineyards - Monterey

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING

Grapes were sorted by both hand and machine before undergoing maceration. While fermenting in French Oak, grapes endured punch-downs three times a day for enhanced flavor. Wine was aged in barrel for eight months.

VINTAGE NOTES

2019 consisted of colder winter months, a mild spring and only a few summertime heat spikes. Harvest was 2-3 weeks later than previous years, not starting until mid-September. Overall, mild growing season coupled with a later harvest made for almost ideal conditions.

TASTING NOTES

Dried plum, cranberry and earthy notes on the nose. The palate consists of lush, soft tannins and flavors of strawberry-rhubarb pie, muddled cherries and petrichor, making for a round mouth feel.

PAIRING STRATEGY

Pair this medium bodied wine with medium bodied dishes, highlight the bright flavors with fresh fruits like plums and black cherries, or enjoy with pulled pork sliders.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alc. 14.36% pH 3.67 RS 1.4 g/L TA 5.8 g/L

CERTIFICATIONS & ENVIRONMENTAL INFO

Certified Sustainable through the Certified Sustainable Winegrowers Association.

WINEMAKER

James MacPhail

FOUNDERS

Peter Deutsch and Jim Nantz