



2019 AZAYA RANCH PINOT NOIR

APPELLATION

Marin County, Petaluma Gap

VINEYARD

Azaya Ranch Vineyard

ALCOHOL

13.5%

pH/TITRATABLE ACIDITY

3.58/5.47 g/l

WINEMAKING

Open top 1- ton fermenters, cold soak, native yeast start, punch down

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in 25% new French oak barrels

WINEMAKER

Garry Brooks

CASES PRODUCED

25



THE VINEYARDS AND VINTAGE

Azaya Ranch is close to the coast, just north of Stafford Lake on Hicks Valley Rd. It sits on a south facing, well drained slope. Cool wind from the Petaluma Gap ensures thick skins, great color, and beautiful texture in our clones 2a, 115, and 777. It is certified Organic.

The 2019 vintage was a great balance between generous crop levels and high quality. After a wet winter and moderate weather throughout the spring and summer, harvest time was a continuation of the mild weather, which allowed the grapes to slowly ripen. The wines from 2019 feature brilliant natural acidity and beautiful, concentrated flavors.

WINEMAKING

The 115, 2A, and 667 were hand-picked before sunrise the morning of September 21. The 828 was picked on the 28th. The fermentations occurred in 1 and 1.5 ton open-top vessels with 15% whole clusters. A small amount of juice was removed 24 hours after destemming. The wine was allowed to cold soak for 3 days, and then warmed in the sun. Fermentation began with native yeast and was completed with a commercial strain. Wines from each block were kept separate and then blended just before bottling. The wine was aged in 25% new, medium toast French oak barrels for 19 months.

Tasting Notes

On the nose, you'll find floral notes of Rose and Jasmine, with accents of cedar and the spicy, herbal notes of a redwood forest floor on a hot, dry summer day. Once in your mouth, you'll find a smooth entry with flavors of dried cherry, raspberry, redwood needles, and black tea, all supported by a juicy, silky mouth feel. It finishes with a tart cherry and a return to black tea, a hint of thyme, and beautiful supportive tannin.