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2022 PINOT NOIR

SEAFARER

SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST

ABOUT THE WINE

Seafarer is all about showcasing a balanced profile of fruit, texture, spice and coastally-influenced complexity that defines the San Luis Obispo Coast. All of our vineyards are between 1.5-6 miles from the ocean, making this wine a true example of coastal terrior. In 2022, the blend is based around Spanish Springs Vineyard (47%) and Greengate Ranch (34%), along with smaller amounts of Derbyshire (13%), Rincon Vineyard (4%), and Edna Ranch (2%).

WINEMAKING NOTES

Each vineyard block was hand picked and sorted twice prior to processing into small open-top fermentors. Spanish Springs saw some subtle (10-15%) whole cluster inclusion, as did the Rincon Vineyard lots. Greengate, Derbyshire, and Edna Ranch were 100% destemmed. The fruit was cold-soaked for 3 days, followed by a warm fermentaion at 78-90F that lasted for 18-25 days with hand punchdowns. Lots were pressed directly to 265L and 300L French oak barrels, 10% new, for 10 months of elevage. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant and intensely aromatic, featuring floral tones that highlight crunchy red fruit notes of strawberry, cherry jolly rancher, and dried cranberry along with hibiscus tea and cream soda undertones. The palate bursts forth with waves of juicy red fruits, along with a spicy and lively mid palate that lends rose petal, shiitake mushroom, and light nutmeg notes. It stays focuesed and energetic on the palate through the long finish, lifted by balanced acidity.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINEYARDS: Spanish Springs, Greengate, Rincon, Derbyshire, Edna Ranch CLONES: 2A, 667, 115 ALCOHOL: 14.0% PH: 3.72 TA: 5.6g/L ELEVAGE: 10 months in 20% new French oak barrels PRODUCTION: 446 cases



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