Goldeneye

## 2022 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir

In 1996, building on the tradition of excellence they established at Duckhorn Vineyards, Dan and Margaret Duckhorn embraced their growing love of Pinot Noir and came to Anderson Valley to found Goldeneye. In the years since, Anderson Valley has earned acclaim as one of the world's greatest regions for Pinot Noir. Crafted predominantly from our estate vineyards and shaped by the influence of the wind, water and fog, this wine embodies both the elegance of Anderson Valley Pinot Noir, and its deep, rustic beauty.

## Vintage Notes

After a relatively dry winter, cool spring temperatures led to a later-than-normal budbreak, followed by bloom in June. Summer brought delightfully temperate weather, ensuring slow, steady ripening. After picking our first sparkling wine grapes in late August, a heat event in early September accelerated ripening. Fortunately, due to the cooler summer, the grapes were at an ideal stage of maturity to benefit from the heat. Our vineyards got a much-needed drink of water and cooldown a week later when we received 3 inches of rain, which slowed ripening and allowed us to be methodical in our picking decisions. While our grapes show the natural diversity of the vineyards they come from, the wines are beautifully structured with excellent concentration and impeccably balanced acids.

## Winemaking Notes

A quintessential Anderson Valley Pinot Noir, this wine is crafted to celebrate the region's defined character, boasting aromas of penny royal, ripe cherry and subtle hints of chanterelle mushrooms. On the palate, it offers a beautifully balanced experience with smooth tannins and refreshing acidity alongside flavors of blackberry, leather and breakfast tea. A reflection of its depth and complexity, it slowly departs with a long, lingering finish.

## Appellation · Anderson Valley

Vineyard · Gowan Creek, The Narrows & Confluence Vineyards

Varietal Composition • 100% Pinot Noir Alcohol • 14.2% PH • 3.53

Acidity · 0.62 g/100 mL

**Oak Profile & Aging** · Aged 16 months in 100% French oak, 48% new, 52% neutral

**Soils** · Wolfey-Bearwallow Complex; Pinole, Perrygulch, Boontling loams

Fermentation · All small lot, open-top fermentations separated by pick day, block, and clone.

 $\textbf{Clones} \cdot \textbf{Various}$ 

Rootstock · Various

