

2021 DEVIATE PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST

APPELLATION

Sonoma Coast

VINEYARDS

Jentoft and Putnam
Certified Sustainable

HARVEST DATE

September 4 & 22, 2021

ALCOHOL

14.1 %

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6.2 gm/Lit.

pН

3.59

WINEMAKING

Open top fermentation, cold soak, punch down

BARREL AGING

Aged 17 months in French oak (40% new barrels)

WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

CASES PRODUCED

369

THE VINEYARDS

In 2013, we made one deviation from our usual focus on single vineyard bottlings, to craft Deviate, our stellar blend from two far flung Sonoma Coast Vineyards. Along with this being a deviation from our usual course, this was our 8th designated vineyard pinot bottling with the winery code name of DV8, so Deviate seemed the perfect name. The wine proved to be so popular that the tradition continues. Steve planted Jentoft Vineyard in Green Valley to Calera clone in 2003, and the site produces structured, spicy, dark wines. Putnam Vineyard is near Annapolis, on the far Sonoma Coast. It's an area defined by cooler days, warmer nights, and very high sun intensity; which produces a wine with unctuous fruit depth and rugged tannins. The juicy, berry fruit from Putnam blends beautifully with the concentrated focus of Jentoft. The light soil hillside of Jentoft ripens fairly quickly, while the burly far coast takes a bit longer. Together they offer us a very limited production wine that's quickly become a favorite with our best wine club friends.

WINEMAKING

After hand sorting and destemming each block into small open top fermenters, the must is cold-soaked for 5 days in order to gently extract color, spice and fruit characters, while mitigating harsher tannins. The lots are punched down between 1 and 3 times per day depending on the stage of fermentation, and character of the lot. With this wine, we chose barrels to accentuate the roundness and spice of the wine. Instead of choosing one signature barrel, we spread out to three of our favorite barrels with big personality. The Seguin Moreau Icone barrel brings out the earthy mushroom quality of the wine, and Taransaud chimes in with its beautiful base notes of richness. We bottled the wine in March of 2023.

THE WINE

Our more robust wines, like the Deviate, showcase the 2021 vintage with extra roundness and juiciness to balance their structure. The nose leads with brooding dusky plum, forest floor and incense. Time in the glass brings up redder fruit along with savory notes and a black tea element. In the mouth, the wine spreads out broadly. It's deep and rich while fresh and lively, bursting with cherry, plum and pomegranate. The fruit is carried on a plush texture with fine tannins, giving the wine a sense of elegance enveloping the bold fruit. For pairings, continue the robust theme with braised meats in a savory sauce and cheeses like an aged Gouda, grueyere or spunky Asiago.

Dutton-Goldfield Winery began in a vineyard in 1998, when longtime colleagues and friends

Steve Dutton and Dan Goldfield recognized a shared vision between them—to craft wines that express the personalities of their vineyards, and which they'd enjoy drinking at their own dinner tables. Our mission is to produce world-class wines that display the brightness of fruit, complexity, structure and balance that are reflective of our cool coastal home.