



WAYFARER

2021 PINOT NOIR PAIGE'S RIDGE

TASTING NOTES | A sensational range of floral notes – violets, lilies, lavender and more – along with bright red cherries, fresh anise and hints of baking spices come together in the intoxicating aroma. The palate has the opulence Paige's Ridge has become known for, with a touch more acidity and structure than in prior vintages, bringing both intensity and harmony to this wine.

VINTAGE NOTES | 2021 was a dry, warm, even vintage, giving us wines with great intensity and harmony. Though we experienced record-low rainfall of 20 inches, a long way from our 65-inch average, it was plenty to fill our pond and irrigate our vines throughout the season. Budbreak occurred on the early side due to an unusually dry, warm winter, and this early trend continued throughout the season. Spring and summer remained dry and warm, though temperatures never spiked. This consistency, along with bountiful sunlight, allowed for even ripening across the vineyard. It was a smooth growing season and an ideal harvest, with all fruit picked at just the right moment and coming into the winery in a steady stream. The wines are remarkably dense and complex, with lots of structure, energy and delicate aromatics.

WINEMAKING NOTES | Each block was picked by hand at night, and firm, cool clusters were delivered to the winery before sunrise. We hand-sorted and destemmed the fruit before transferring it into stainless steel tanks for five to ten days of cold maceration. Fermentation was guided by native yeast, and hand punch downs were tailored to how each tank tasted each day. The free run wine aged in French oak barrels, 80% new, for 15 months.

ACCLAIM | “The 2021 Pinot Noir Paige's Ridge has an alluring perfume of strawberry and raspberry jam, hibiscus, moss and potpourri, continuing to release detailed, spicy accents with each return to the glass. It's light-bodied yet generously flavored, with a chalky, seamless structure and a long, latent finish. It has youthful, glossy oak spices and blossoms dramatically with time in the glass. It will benefit from a few years in the bottle.” 97+ Points, Erin Brooks, *Wine Advocate*, June 2023

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview
BLOCK	8
CLONE	Dijon 667
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	2.9 lbs/vine
HARVESTED	September 8, 2021
BOTTLED	December 13, 2022
ALCOHOL	14.7%
pH	3.63
TA	5.9 g/L
PRODUCTION	60
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn