

NAPA VALLEY

Pinot Noir Tina Marie Vineyard Green Valley of the Russian River Valley 2021

Harvest Dates:	September 7 th , 2021
Grape Source: Clonal Blend:	100% Tina Marie Vineyard Green Valley AVA of the Russian River Valley 40% 115, 31% 667 and 29% 777.
Aging: Alcohol:	10 months in French Oak Barrels 50% new 13.8%
Yeast:	Indigenous, RC212, and Assmanhausen
Production:	29 Barrels
Release Date:	September 2022
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vineyard Notes: We did not produce a 2020 Tina Marie Pinot Noir. The smoke from the lightening complex fires north of the Russian River Valley blew south and settled in the valley and was quickly taken up through the skins of the fruit. The 2021 was a beautiful gift to make up for the lost vintage. The cool and foggy mornings and warm afternoon sun combined with the gold-ridge limestone soil allowed for the development of some immaculate flavor development. A heat spike at the end of August pushed all three clones to perfect ripeness allowing us to bring all the fruit in on the same day.

Winemaker Notes: All three clones were cold soaked individually for 4 days in small open top fermenters. When we shut the cooling off, we let the indigenous yeast begin the fermentation allowing a unique level of complexity. Following this we inoculate with RC212, a Burgundian yeast and Assmanhausen a German yeast. Gentle pump overs occurred twice a day for nine days. After draining and pressing the wine we put the wine into barrel to go through malo-lactic fermentation on its lees, leaving the wine for two months. The extended sediment contact allows for an additional layer of complexity.

Tasting Notes: The 2021 Tina Marie is fragrant upon popping the cork. This beautiful ruby red incredibly fragrant wine is immediate with pomegranate, white chocolate, and black pepper. There are also underpinning elements of cherry pit, spring rain and gravel minerality. The viscosity is always richer than the color might denote. The palate has riper red fruit while the minerality is more prevalent. Here the richer palate is balanced by the soft but present tannins, where every year the acidity is spot on. The wonderfully bright wine can be enjoyed in its youth but would age nicely over the next 5-6 years (2026-2027).