

# BLACK KITE

CELLARS



## 2019 PINOT NOIR KITE'S REST VINEYARD ANDERSON VALLEY

### DATES

HARVEST: October 2019

BOTTLING: March 2021

RELEASE: August 2021

### GROWING CONDITIONS

Described by many as a “classic Northern California vintage”, the 2019 growing season kicked off with late winter rains that ushered in a cooler than average spring, followed by a long, moderate summer free of any challenging heat spikes. Late summer warmth, followed by a cooling period at picking time set the stage for a relaxed harvest and fully developed fruit at low sugars. All in all, the vintage’s ideal growing conditions and smaller cluster and berry sizes gave us wines – both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay – showing tremendous depth of flavor, buoyant acidity and exquisite balance.

### WINEMAKING AND COOPERAGE

The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours and transported immediately to the winery, where they were destemmed and cold soaked for 48 hours, inoculated with a low rate of Burgundian yeast, and punched down three times daily. After fermentation, the wine rested 17 months in a mix of new (1/3) and one-year old French oak barrels from the Allier, Vosges, Tronçais and Bertranges forests.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Kite’s Rest Vineyard Pinot Noir is the kind of wine you grab a thesaurus to describe, because calling it pretty just isn’t enough. A blend of the vineyard’s three distinct blocks, it opens with a heady perfume of violet and rose potpourri that gives way to more pronounced notes of Bing cherry, plum and sweet vanilla oak with just a hint of clove and cedar. The bright, lifted palate is at once elegant and weighty, with focused acids and polished tannins providing a compelling tension throughout the long, nuanced finish. Enjoy upon release or cellar for up to 5-9 years.

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#### ALCOHOL

14.5%

#### PINOT NOIR CLONES

DIJON 114 AND 115

POMMARD

#### CASES PRODUCED

1,072

#### ACIDITY

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

0.61 g/L

#### PRICE

\$54/BOTTLE

#### PH

3.43