

# BLACK KITE

CELLARS



## 2019 PINOT NOIR STONY TERRACE 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 (2/3) and one-year old French oak barrels from the Allier, Vosges, Tronçais and Bertranges forests.

### TASTING NOTES

A favorite of many, our Stony Terrace Pinot Noir consistently delivers the vineyard’s most opulent flavor profile. This 2019 bottling doesn’t disappoint, opening with a lush bouquet of dark plum, black cherry and forest berry with slightly more pronounced sweet tobacco and vanilla than vintages past. Abundantly rich and weighty, the palate delivers extraordinary length with even more brambly, dark fruit leading to the sweet, oak-tinged finish. Enjoy upon release or cellar for up to 8-10 years.

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#### ALCOHOL

14.5%

#### PINOT NOIR CLONES

POMMARD

#### CASES PRODUCED

91

#### ACIDITY

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

0.61 g/L

#### PRICE

\$65/BOTTLE

#### PH

3.51