

ROCKHOUND

2021 PINOT NOIR

RADIAN VINEYARD

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Rockhound Wine was launched in 2021 by Megan and Reed Skupny with the goal of producing exciting wines of unparalleled quality, unconstrained by preconceived notions or boundaries. The 2021 Pinot Noir is sourced from Radian Vineyard, bordering the Rita's Crown AVA, in the Sta. Rita Hills, where the organically farmed, powerfully wind-swept vines struggle to produce miniscule yields of tiny clusters that are bursting with immense intensity. A co-fermentation of three different pinot noir clones (115, 667 and 777), this Burgundian trifecta maintains the structures and complexities for which they are prized, while resulting in a harmonious blend.

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard: Radian Vineyard (diatomaceous earth, shale, & clay loam)

Farming Practices: Organic

Cooperage: 19 months in hand-picked French Oak barrels (60% new)

Cases Produced: 115 (12 x 750mL)

UPC: 197644815555

Bottling Date: May 2023

Release Date: September 2023

Winter Food Pairing: Braised lamb shanks with parmesan polenta

Summer Food Pairing: Slightly chilled with a Niçoise salad and warm bread slathered with salted butter.



DESCRIPTION: In the glass, this wine exhibits deep, dark blue fruit notes, with hints of balsam and warm strawberries. The nose is quintessentially Pinot Noir, but instead of a light hearted comedy, it is a film noir. Full-bodied, there are flavors of brambleberry pie and confectionary with dark chocolate and coffee nibs on the finish. From winemaker Reed Skupny, "This wine is unique because we co-fermented three different classic Burgundian clones in the same tank. We did this to ensure silky smooth continuity with a hedonistic palate."

LABEL: The label represents an illustrated microscopic view of diatomaceous earth. The way the tectonic plates have shifted over the ages has pushed the Pacific seabed into this trident of a mountain range, giving the vines fossils of millennia old diatoms, tiny aquatic organisms, to grow in. The term "Rockhound" means amateur geologist, constantly fascinated with the terroir and what it has to offer, and the Skupny duo strives to bring Radian's terroir to your glass with this iteration of Pinot Noir.