

# JOSEPH PHELPS

V I N E Y A R D S

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*Pinot Noir*

BOOTLEGGER'S HILL

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## *2021 Vintage*



**TASTING NOTES** The 2021 Pinot Noir fills the senses with perfumed violets, red fruit, dried mushroom and savory herbs. A focused and texturally refined wine with acid and tannin structure worthy of long-term aging. The palate offers raspberry, ripe cherry and cassis with nuanced hints of clove and black pepper. 22% whole cluster fermentation.

**GROWING SEASON** The 2021 Sonoma Coast vintage is marked as having exceptionally high quality for both red and white varieties. The 2021 Pinot Noir budbreak and bloom were similar to the 2020 season, both taking place slightly later than the five-year average. Veraison and harvest were within a few days of our five-year average with no heat spikes during the growing season. The long, mild growing season allowed for extended hang time and exceptional flavor development.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

#### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

▮ 100% Pinot Noir

#### VINEYARD SELECTIONS

The fruit comes from a favorite neighboring vineyard on the Sonoma Coast. Calera and Mt. Eden clones.

#### BARREL AGING

The wine was aged for fourteen months in 55% new French oak and 45% one-to-three year-old French oak barrels before bottling.