## 2022 Pinot Noir, Gap's Crown Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

Case Production 750ml: 370 / SRP: \$85.00 Case Production 1.5L: 25 / SRP: \$185.00

Gap's Crown is one of the highly acclaimed North Coast Vineyards known for its layered Pinot Noirs. We work with two blocks, block 13, Dijon 777 and block 8, Dijon 667. Block 13 is close to the southeast corner of the vineyard on gravelly clay loam and block 8 is on an elevated plane overlooking block 777. The soils are rocky clay loam. The tiny berries of block 13, Dijon 777, are the backbone, giving the wine its structure. Block 8, Dijon 667, brings the perfume and mouthfeel. The wine is elegant and racy, a true representation of the Sonoma Coast AVA.

Closest Town: Petaluma AVA: Sonoma Coast Varietal: Pinot Noir Planted: Early 2000s Clone(s): Dijon 777/667 Rootstock: 420 A, 3309 Soil Type: Goulding Series Aspect: 667 – Flat; 777 – Southern Sloping Row Orientation: Southwest/Northeast

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GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD

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## **The Vintage**

Heavy rains in early November surprised us, but in hindsight, they were a blessing because they filled our reservoirs. Spring ushered in a long frost season, which lingered into mid-May. A cool summer allowed for an even development of the fruit. By early August, veraison pointed to a mid-September harvest, but Labor Day resulted in an extended heat spike, pushing harvest forward a week. By September 13th all of our fruit was picked. The 2022 wines are showing great freshness and acidity. Bright red fruit with delicious tannins frame the wine. These last vintages have taught us to be flexible and responsive to the season, rather than follow a set style. The 2022 wines are light on their feet, mirroring their Old World siblings.

Vintage: 2022 Harvest Date: September 2nd and 6th Harvest Brix: 23.9 Harvest pH: 3.52 Harvest TA: 5.7 Days in Tank: 20 days Type of Tank: Small Open Top Stainless Steel Barrel Program: 47% New French Oak – Atelier, Cadus, Francois Freres Bottling Date: March 15, 2024 Bottling % Alcohol: 14.1% Case Production: 370 SRP: \$85

## **Blue Farm**

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 40-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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