

MAXEM

2021 PINOT NOIR, UV VINEYARD, SONOMA COAST

TASTING NOTES

Crimson ruby in the glass, the expressive nature of this wine is only matched by the intensity and energy that it delivers on the senses. Bountiful notes of red berries, pomegranates, bergamot, Darjeeling tea, mandarin peel, and freshly cut violets evolve effortlessly from the glass, all framed by a crimson tension that has become a trademark of this site. Rich and viscous layers of strawberries, wild raspberries, rhubarb, blood orange, hints of sea spray, and purple florals cascade over the palate, backed by a crunchy minerality wrapped in a thin veil of beautiful acidity. Aged in 80% new French oak, this wine offers a window into the seductive nature of the fruit, while capturing the true essence of the terroir.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Sam & Nancy Kaplan
WINEMAKER	Sam Kaplan
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast AVA
VINEYARDS	Ulises Valdez Vineyard
PRODUCTION	150 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.8%



BACKGROUND

In Latin, MAXEM has the distinction of meaning “best of the best.” It also combines our two children’s names, Max and Emma. With the Ulises Valdez Vineyard as our source, we make Pinot Noir from the historical Calera clone and Chardonnay from the equally acclaimed Wente clone. Sam is winemaker; Nancy, with her laser palate, has an equal say. The grapes lend themselves to the style of wines we both love: exquisitely balanced with bright acids and high tones yet richly textured and possessing full depth of flavor. It is our palates that have driven us here, to this style of wine and especially to the amazing UV Vineyard.