

MAXEM

2021 PINOT NOIR, SILVER EAGLE VINEYARD, SONOMA COAST

TASTING NOTES

A visually engaging mix of ruby and garnet hues in the glass, the 2021 Silver Eagle Pinot Noir captures the true essence of the appellation through a new and distinct lens. By bringing together both the Vosne-Romanee and Calera clones into one wine, a new identity is formed that showcases a racy and dynamic energy combined with sensual texture and limitless depth. An array of tart red fruits starts the conversation, as spicy rhubarb, pomegranate, dried strawberries, and satsuma plums are supported by waves of salinity that permeate the air, while subtle notes of forest floor, loam, and maitake mushroom wait patiently in the background. A soft and plush palate of April strawberries, violets, black cherries, underbrush, mulberries, and exotic spices canvas the palate, all wrapped in a crimson-laced tension leading to a round and polished finish full of fruit tannin and vibrant electricity.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Sam & Nancy Kaplan
WINEMAKER	Sam Kaplan
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast AVA
VINEYARDS	Silver Eagle Vineyard
PRODUCTION	400 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.