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WINERY

BENEVOLENT DICTATOR
RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR
2021

What do you call a wine with a powerful, authoritative presence that's also irresistibly likeable and food-friendly—bold, yet balanced, firm, yet kind? You call it Benevolent Dictator, of course.



2021 VINTAGE

After a wild 2020, we approached the 2021 vintage with great optimism. While still grappling with drought in California, the growing season delivered as we had all hoped: plentiful sunshine, moderate temperatures and a long, consistent growing season. Although the harvest produced a smaller crop than previous years, the 2021 vintage will be remembered for small, concentrated clusters of flavorful fruit and excellent quality.

TASTING NOTES

This vibrant and classic Russian River Pinot Noir is bursting with aromas of bright ripe cherry, raspberry, clove and sweet vanilla. The first sip is lush, savory and juicy on the palate with waves of bright Bing cherry and rhubarb accentuated with black tea and cola spice. A silky mid-palate reveals a ripe, red summer fruit core with tones of baking spice and graphite. Seductive and integrated tannins lift additional fresh summer strawberries and hints of rose petals that linger on the finish. Youthful and exuberant upon release, this wine is delicious right now and ready to enjoy. Those with a little more patience will be rewarded by giving the wine a bit more time in the cellar.

WINEMAKER NOTES

- 100% Gregori Vineyard on Dutton Rancho
- 25% whole cluster fermentation
- Cool climate, producing fruit-focused aromas

Vintage: 2021

Appellation: 100% Russian River

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir, 50% clone 667 and 50% clone 777

Cooperage: 100% French oak, 50% new, 50% 2-year French oak

Alcohol: 14.7%

Production: 750 cases