

1991 PINOT NOIR

Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Alcohol:	13.4%
pH:	3.49
Total Acid:	.68
Aging:	14 months in French Oak
Production:	2000 cases
Release Date:	September, 1993

The 1991 Pinot Noir celebrates the 21st harvest from our estate vineyard located in the Oak Knoll area of the Napa Valley. This wine was crafted from grapes grown on a small-7-acre parcel located within the heart of our 80-acre estate.

Due to a cool growing season, we did not begin harvest until September 26, 1991. However, this extra time on the vines developed grapes of excellent maturity and flavors. The grapes were thinned by about 1/3 of the crop level to insure low yield and maximum flavor. Clusters are hand picked and delivered quickly to the winery and crushed into 1/2 ton open top fermenters. This allows for maximum color extraction without harsh tannins. Aged for 14 months, we choose Allier barrels which add spice and aromatic smokiness.

The final blend emphasizes warm spice and clove in the nose. Flavors of soft, forward cherry, berry flavors layered with a touch of oak and vanilla lead to a long velvety finish.

