

The Place

Radiating from the highest point of Sea View Ridge, at 1,875 feet, Cielo commands an uninterrupted view of the Pacific Ocean and over 35 miles of coastline. The lower elevations of Sea View Ridge are frequently enveloped in fog, which leaves Cielo exposed to concentrated sunshine during the growing season, amplifying the aromatic intensity, textural depth, and concentration of the mountain terroir.

The Soil

The bedrock in Cielo, like Pietra, is deeply altered ancient basalt. But with the block's higher elevation, the soils on top are shallow, a mix of gravel from the bedrock below with clay and wind-blown silt. Where the root system thrives, sharp gravel, rounder cobbles, and that iron-rich red silt give the fruit its complexity.

The Wine

Delicate blue violet, bay laurel, and lifted spice aromas open on the nose of this ethereal Pinot Noir, with a tangle of botanicals, graphite, and minerality adding intrigue underneath. On a palate charged with a latticework of energy, grilled plum flavors anchor layers of vibrant purple fruit steeped with anise and backed by deceptively fine tannins—powerful for all their elegance.

The Vintage

The winter of 2021 was marked by extremely low rainfall. It was the second year of drought conditions, cueing up a season of low yields and small berries. Through spring, temperatures fluctuated dramatically, sending mixed signals to the vines as they underwent bud break, and fruit set. That, combined with low soil moisture, slowed canopy growth. Through summer, as clusters moved toward veraison, temperatures followed a mild arc, supporting even flavor development while keeping acid levels bright. In the end, we had the luxury of timing our pick for optimum balance.