

The Place

Pietra occupies a strikingly rocky outcropping at the entry of Sea View Ridge. The narrow ridgetop is insulated by dense coastal forest on three sides, framing an iconic glimpse of the Pacific Ocean below. The elements—rock, forest, sea—combine in a Pietra terroir exemplified by mineral aromas with exceptional fine-grained texture, tension, and length.

The Soil

The defining element underfoot in our Pietra block is a vast expanse of red rock, altered almost beyond recognition from ancient basalt. Roots follow fractures in the rock, and at the heart of their system, deep in the subsurface, find their expression in iron-rich sandy clay laced through the abundant rock.

The Wine

Earthy power is delivered through filigreed-rock minerality in this dark, savory Pinot Noir. Warm, spice-infused red tea and forest loam give way to vibrant but dusty wild strawberry and abundant fine-grained tannins, corralled into elegant structure by vibrant acidity. Hints of dried nori and a vein of iron lend an umami edge to an electric finish.

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.