BOARS'VIEW

BOARS' VIEW BDR PINOT NOIR

Vintage 2022

Vineyard Boars' View Estate

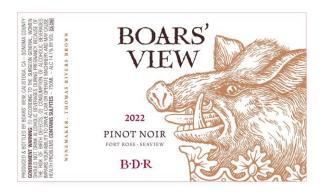
Appellation Fort Ross-Seaview, West Sonoma Coast

Varietal 100% Pinot Blend of Calera, Mt. Eden

Clones and Swan

Cooperage 10 months in a mix of French oak barrels

Winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown



PROFILE

If the Estate Pinot Noir is the showboat wine in the Boars' View collection, the BDR acts as the brooding dark star. Its profile, especially in good growing seasons like 2022, exhibits a more austere quality that harkens more to old world Pinot Noir. It's a wine that favors more structure, more tense fruit appeal, mineral over flesh. And with that comes many joys in the form of pomegranate and crushed flint on the nose. The palate is tightly packed with notes of cranberry compote, quince, and wild strawberry. This wine does not open the kimono immediately, but gestures in shadow-play all its hidden secrets. — *Thomas Rivers Brown, Winemaker*

VINTAGE

The big story for many vineyards in 2022 was the sustained Labor Day heat wave. However, at Boars' View, with our proximity to the coast and row orientation opposite of the blazing afternoon sun, the story was more of a classic Sonoma Coast growing season. Everything started on the early side, with bud break taking place in early March. The Spring and Summer months were marked by modest temperatures with only minimal and short-lived heat spurts. We realized early on that we had a modest crop load on our hands, so we kept a little more canopy leaf cover to provide shade for the medium, fist-sized clusters. This growing season will be noted for making wines that show well early on in their time in bottle, with a lush fruit profile and pleasing, round mouth feel.

VINEYARD

Boars' View Vineyard is located two ridgelines in from the Pacific coastline where the microclimate ideally balances the cooler morning marine influences with warmer midday and afternoon temperatures. The site was developed by legendary vineyard manager Ulises Valdez Sr. working hand-in-hand with brilliant winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown. After extensive soil assessment, the duo determined California heritage clones would thrive in the warmer region and planted Calera, Mt. Eden and Swan clones in the predominantly Goldridge loam soil of the mid-saddle and lower sections. Atop the hill, the silty clay soil was selected for growing Chardonnay and Wente clone was planted. Valdez & Sons continues to meticulously tend our vines and each year brings forward the finest crop from which Thomas and his team are able to handcraft the most expressive wines possible.

CRITICAL REVIEW

94 PTS The 2022 Pinot Noir BDR (which stands for Bohan Dillon Road) is a blend of Calera and Swan Pinot Noir clones. In the glass, it's a youthful red hue and is spicy and expressive with notes of sassafras, ripe cherries, cardamom, and forest floor. its floral side unfolds as it opens in the glass and shows notes of fresh tea leaf. Medium-bodied, it has an elegant feel with a bit of earthy richness, a plush texture, and a clean, ripe feel. It's going to age gracefully over the next 15 years. -Audrey Frick, www.jebdunnuck.com