

the path



2012 PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKING NOTES

The Path 2012 Pinot Noir exhibits powerful aromas of strawberry, dried plum and clove. There is a wonderful note of vanilla from the ten months of 100% French oak aging. Juicy, penetrating sweetened cranberry and red cherry preserve flavors are framed by a touch of toasted marshmallow. Moderate acidity carries through the entire palate, forming a nice structure with well-integrated tannins. This wine finishes with endless, palate-saturating fruit, making it an instant crowd-pleaser. Pair with butternut squash soup on a cold night or a mushroom and arugula pesto pizza for lighter fare.

APPELLATION

In crafting The Path 2012 Pinot Noir our winemakers sourced grapes from throughout California's prime grape growing regions. Known for its abundant sunshine which helps to ensure a reliable extended growing season, the "Golden State" has become an American winemaking mecca on par with the other great wine regions of the world. California boasts nearly 100 American Viticulture Areas (AVAs), that encompass over a half million acres of vineyards, supporting a diverse varietal mix. Cool climate varieties like Chardonnay and Pinot Noir thrive in the fog-bathed coastal areas, while the warmer inland valleys provide the perfect conditions for heartier heat loving varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Sauvignon Blanc.

VINTAGE

Having weathered two excessively cool and wet vintages in 2010 and 2011, which reduced yields and made it difficult for grapes to fully ripen, California winemakers had much to rejoice about in 2012. Across the Golden State, most wine regions enjoyed near idyllic conditions throughout the growing season resulting in a bountiful crop of picture perfect grapes across all varieties. A perfect spring bud break, followed by steady flowering, an even fruit set, and just the right amount of warm sunny days and cool foggy nights, ensured that grapes enjoyed the extended hang time needed to fully develop. The fruit that emerged was ideally balanced, dark, richly structured and age worthy, with great color saturation and sweet tannins.

BLEND

78% Pinot Noir
10% Sangiovese
9% Grenache
3% Symphony

APPELLATION

California

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WINEMAKER

Greg Kitchens

OAK AGING

10 months

OAK SOURCING

100% French Oak
60% New, 30% Seasoned

ALCOHOL

13.5%

PH

3.62

TA

5.8 g/L

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