### 2021 Nichole's Blend

#### Pinot Noir | Sonoma County





# The Vineyards

The 2021 Nichole's Blend Pinot Noir is the flagship of our Pinot Noirs, made with fruit from declassified barrels of our Sonoma County Vineyard Designated wines. These vineyards range from as far south as the Petaluma Gap, where the cold maritime breezes help to produce wines of excellent purity and elegance; to the east on top of Sonoma Mountain, with its volcanic soils which produce wines with structure and savoriness; to the far western edge of the Russian River Valley, which produces wines with richness and ripe dark fruit flavors. The resulting wine is an excellent example of the harmony between these distinctive regions within Sonoma County.

# **Tasting Notes**

Spicy and transparent, this edition of Nichole's puts a spotlight on Pinot Noir's subtler side. Spiced cranberries and early-season cherries dominate a palate where fresh earth and forest floor provide bass notes, while Chinese five-spice invigorates the corners. Medium-bodied and translucent, the florality of this wine is striking and continues to evolve and complement a gentle glass swirl. A wonderfully nuanced introduction to what Pinot Noir was capable of from the classic 2021 vintage.

#### Vinification

Harvest Dates: September 13-30, 2021

Vineyards: Terra de Promissio, Umino, Weir, and Steiner

Oak: 100% French Oak; 25% new

Alc: 14.3% pH: 3.69

TA: 6.1g/L

Bottled: March 15, 2023

250 Cases produced | Released April 14, 2023