

Luli

2021 LULI PINOT NOIR LEMORAVO VINEYARD

Luli represents a partnership formed by Sara Floyd and the Pisoni Family. Sara Floyd is a Master Sommelier with many years of food and wine experience. The Pisoni Family is known for their eponymous vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands and for Pisoni Estate and Lucia wines.

Deciding they would make a great partnership and noting the shortage of handcrafted wines at reasonable prices, they set out to create a new line of wines for this niche. To achieve this, Floyd and the Pisoni Family focus on purchasing grapes from multiple vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands and the greater Monterey County—California coastal regions excellent for growing cool-climate grapes.

WINEMAKER: Jeff Pisoni

CASES PRODUCED: 142

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

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THE VINTAGE:

After an extremely difficult 2020 growing season and continued below average rainfall throughout Monterey County, the 2021 vintage saw clear skies and moderate temperatures which provided above average yields and near perfect quality. A particularly dry winter provided only 7" of rain to the county in the beginning of the 2021 season (four inches of which fell during a single late January storm). A cold spring and later than average budbreak, beginning at the end of March, slowed early vine growth and required patience in the vineyard. Summer saw an excellent fruit set and cooler than average weather that allowed for slow, methodical ripening and preservation of vital acidity. Cooler temperatures persisted throughout the harvest season as grapes made their way to the winery at a gentle, yet consistent pace.

THE VINEYARD:

The Lemoravo Vineyard is set 400 feet in elevation in the southern hills of the Santa Lucia Highlands. The vineyard is planted among the decomposed granite alluvial fans that make up a series of isolated islands among the benchlands. This site places the vineyard in rugged soils and heavy fog. As a tribute to this land's history, the name is a three-word portmanteau as a tribute to the region's former crops: Lemons, Oranges and Avocados.

THE WINEMAKING:

Luli Pinot Noir is made with classic winemaking techniques: Hand-sorting of the fruit, native yeasts for fermentation and production in small lots. The wine was aged in 'neutral' French oak barrels and was not fined or filtered. Each barrel from the Lemoravo Vineyard is hand-selected, with only the best barrels being destined for this wine. The resulting balanced wine is a tribute to this vineyard's success with Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2021 Luli Lemoravo Vineyard Pinot Noir is a refreshing example of the dynamic terroir and climate within the Santa Lucia Highlands. Deep ruby to its core, this wine slowly unfolds with layered aromas of strawberry cr me, fresh cut sage, red cherry, and sandalwood. Staying true to its aromatic profile, flavors of candied Bing cherry, kirsch, black tea, and fresh earth immerse the palate completely. This is a deliciously complex Pinot Noir that finishes with noticeable texture, youthful acidity, and soft, silky tannin.