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# *Brown Ranch Pinot Noir*

100% Pinot Noir

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2021

## *Vineyard Story*



Originally planted in 1992, this property was revitalized in 2013 by renowned grape grower Oscar Renteria. This Pinot Noir vineyard with deep roots pushing through a meticulously tended double guyot trellising system that yields fruit with powerful flavors and tremendous character. The 27 acre vineyard is south of the town of Napa in the rolling hills of the Carneros region. It features several different clones, all selected for their ability to excel in various soil conditions ranging from clay loam to limestone deposits.

## *Winemakers Notes*



This is a serious Pinot Noir, showcasing delicate, feminine aromas of cherry blossom and rose petal, followed by a full palate of bing cherry, cranberry, and pomegranate. There's a very alluring sense of place; sandalwood, cinnamon and hints of anise. A velvety and complex palate is followed by a long and luxurious finish.

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## *Vintage Notes*



The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest season. This years growing season can best be described as a cold start to a warm fast finish. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions. Harvest began early with white wine grapes picked in August and some reds started being picked in September. The drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor. The 2021 vintage will be marked with outstanding and intense flavor profiles.

## *Pairing Insights*



Chef Derek Kuntz suggests pairing the Brown Ranch Pinot Noir with his chicken and waffles with cherry-guajillo syrup.

Try also pairing this Pinot with pork or duck dishes to accentuate the earthy flavors in the wine. Add in cherries or strawberries to explore the wines wild fruit profiles.