

2022 BOUGETZ CELLARS THE CAIRN CATIE'S CORNER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 The Cairn Pinot Noir is a single vineyard wine which comes from Catie's Corner Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. The must was fermented with 15% whole cluster providing a bit more mouthfeel and spiciness. The wine was stored on the lees, with monthly stirring, while aging in 40% new French oak. The 2022 The Cairn displays dark, red cherry notes, with a tantalizing spiciness on the palate. Richer than in years past, this wine will develop more with a couple of years bottle aging.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2022 growing season started early with bud break occurring about two weeks earlier than normal. This was the third drought year in a row, with well levels well below average. The summer saw only a couple of heat spikes in June, leading to a consistent, warm August. With an early bud break, and consistent growing phase, the fruit reached full maturity and was picked overnight, on August 25th.

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Harvest date: August 25th, 2022

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Catie's Corner Vineyard

Brix at harvest: 25.5

Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry,
 15% stem inclusion

Fermentation: 14-day ferment, after 5-day cold soak

Aging: 10 months, with 40% new and 60% once used French Oak

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.63

TA: 56.60 g/L

Bottled: June 2023

Case production: 100 cases

Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz

Suggested retail: \$45