

2021 Bennett Valley
Cushing's Block Pinot Noir

The Cushing's Block Pinot Noir is a consistent gem in our portfolio of single-vineyard wines. The fruit for this wine hails from the beautiful and idyllic Henry David Vineyard in the southeastern corner of Bennett Valley. Here, we work with heritage Pinot Noir selections growing on rolling hills of gravel soil. The Pommard Clone's elegance and grace creates a fitting counterpoint to the interplay between Calera and Swan Selections' darkness and depth. The Swan selection gives us aromatic lift and spice without overt ripeness. Both of these clones are known for their "hens and chicks" clusters, carrying a mix of both normal and dime-sized berries that bring many of our favorite characters to the wine—a winemaker's dream.

The 2021 Cushing's Block is rich and racy. Expressive notes of minty ripe herbs, fresh black cherry, and wet stone greet you on the nose. The palate is dense with layers of pink peppercorn, polished cedar wood, violets, and mocha. Great acidity and freshness, amazing tannin, and a long finish.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

43%

Barrel Aging

17 months

Bottling Date

Feb 2023

Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol

14.7%

Production

282 cases

~30% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

