



WAYFARER

2021 PINOT NOIR THE TRAVELER

TASTING NOTES | Over ten vintages, The Traveler has shown it is a wine with extraordinary personality. A chameleon in the glass, we do our best to taste wines blind, but its ability to transform gives it away. From roses to pomegranate, white truffles to dry flowers, blood orange to fresh herbs, this wine is constantly revealing itself, and it will age beautifully in your cellar for at least a decade.

VINTAGE NOTES | 2021 was a dry, warm, even vintage, giving us wines with great intensity and harmony. Though we experienced record-low rainfall of 20 inches, a long way from our 65-inch average, it was plenty to fill our pond and irrigate our vines throughout the season. Budbreak occurred on the early side due to an unusually dry, warm winter, and this early trend continued throughout the season. Spring and summer remained dry and warm, though temperatures never spiked. This consistency, along with bountiful sunlight, allowed for even ripening across the vineyard. It was a smooth growing season and an ideal harvest, with all fruit picked at just the right moment and coming into the winery in a steady stream. The wines are remarkably dense and complex, with lots of structure, energy and delicate aromatics.

WINEMAKING NOTES | Each block was picked by hand at night, and firm, cool clusters were delivered to the winery before sunrise. We hand-sorted and destemmed the fruit before transferring it into stainless steel tanks for five to ten days of cold maceration. Fermentation was guided by native yeast, and hand punch downs were tailored to how each tank tasted each day. The free run wine aged in French oak barrels, 67% new, for 15 months.

ACCLAIM | “Coming from one east-facing and one west-facing block of deeper soils and made from suitcase clones, the 2021 Pinot Noir The Traveler is a little more wound up initially in terms of its aromatics, with red berries, dusty earth, and blood orange. The most lifted and driving of the wines from Wayfarer, it has a fresh spine of acidity, beautiful pure fruit of grenadine, notes of toasted spice, and a super-long finish. This is mouthwatering with saline and freshness that will be outstanding over the next 15 or more years. My favorite of the Wayfarer reds, it’s a brilliant wine.” 98 Points, Audrey Frick, *Jeb Dunnuck*, July 2023

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview
BLOCKS	9, 18
CLONE	Wayfarer
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	3.2 lbs/vine
HARVESTED	September 14, 2021
BOTTLED	December 14, 2022
ALCOHOL	14.3%
pH	3.41
TA	6.7 g/L
PRODUCTION	150
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn