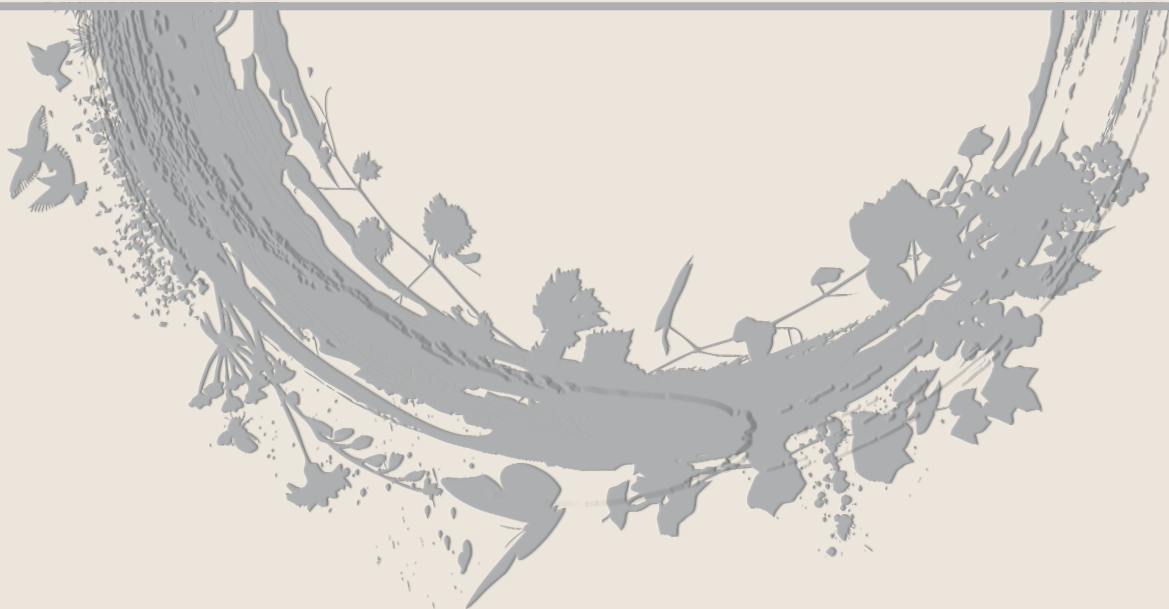


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TECHINICAL SHEETS



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## BENZIGER

### 2021

### TERRA NEUMA PINOT NOIR

SONOMA COAST

ALC. 14% | TA 5.88 | PH 3.46 | CASES 615

#### TASTING NOTE

Aromatics drift and sweep, drawing you into tones of raspberry and black cherry. The soft, round entry carries through the palate, creating a polished mouthfeel. This Pinot Noir is brimming with red fruit, white pepper and fresh tobacco entwined with a chalky mineral finish.

#### VINEYARD

Perched on a rugged hilltop, just five miles from the Pacific Ocean, where rocky, shallow soils and cool fog emanate from the Bodega Bay; these conditions are ideal for exceptional Pinot Noir. This vineyard literally sits on the edge of the earth, nudged to the limit line where fruit can be grown.

#### VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season started with cool weather and dry conditions. High heat that struck at the end of August/early September pushed ripening across varietals, resulting in six busy weeks of harvesting. Luckily, the fast and furious harvest wrapped up days before a storm hit our region in October, allowing us to preserve yields. The vintage finished with fruit-forward wines of bright acidity and soft tannins.

#### WINEMAKING

Instead of crushing, the pinot noir is gently destemmed keeping the whole berries undamaged. The fruit and juice are put into open top fermenters and cold soaked for four to five days to extract rich colors and supple tannins and true flavors. Native yeast fermentation adds another layer of complexity both in aromas and mouthfeel before ten-month barrel aging in French Oak.



#### WINEMAKER

Lisa Amaroli

#### CELLARING

Drink now or cellar up to 8 years

#### CERTIFICATION

Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Wine

#### ACCOLADES

Gold Medal | 94 Points

*Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge*

Platinum Medal | Best Pinot | 95 Points

*San Diego Intrn'l Wine & Spirits Challenge*

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## 2021 PINOT NOIR

BELLA LUNA VINEYARD - RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ALC. 14.2% | TA 5.76 | PH 3.48 | CASES 858

### TASTING NOTE

One of our signature wines, Bella Luna Pinot Noir hails from the Russian River Valley. The 2021 vintage exhibits energetic notes of Bing cherry, fresh clove, cola, and a hint of sweet tobacco. Silky tannins frame the palate with an exquisite lingering finish.

### VINEYARD

Located only eight and a half miles from the coast, Bella Luna's complex Goldridge soils and consistent slope produce grapes that ripen slowly and evenly. Coastal fog spreads across the vineyard keeping temperatures mild, helping guard against erratic temperature swings. This allows acidity to develop gradually and consistently in the grapes.

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### WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand harvested at night in cool temperatures to retain freshness and sugar levels. Instead of crushing, the Pinot Noir was gently destemmed keeping the whole berries intact. The fruit and juice were gravity fed into open topped fermenters and cold soaked for five to six days to extract color and red cherry aromas.

### WINEMAKER

Lisa Amaroli

### CELLARING

Drink now or cellar up to 8 years

### CERTIFICATION

Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Wine



### ACCOLADES

Gold Medal | 91 Points

*San Diego Inter'l Wine & Spirits Competition*