

MARCHELLE



Technical Data

Appellation : Mendocino County 54%
and Sonoma County 46%

Varieties : Pinot Noir

Production : 225 Cases

Analysis :

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.5

TA: 6.8 g/L

Residual Sugar: DRY (<.01%)

2020 Grower's Reserve Pinot Noir
Mendocino Valley & Sonoma County

ABOUT

Oppenlander Vineyard provides 54% of the blend and is near the town of Comptche in Mendocino County. It is farmed by Kitty and Norm Shandel, the 5th generation of their family to farm the land. Hawk's Roost Ranch provides the rest at 46% and is in the Russian River Valley. Chuck Jones, the owner and farmer of Hawks Roost and a long-time collaborator of Greg La Follette, passed away this year and we dedicate this blend to him and his family. Hawks Roost is grown in heavy Huichica clay loam close to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, Chuck chose the rare Swiss Mariafeld clone which yields great structure and acidity to our wine and harmonizes nicely with the highly-structured fruit from the Shandel family of Oppenlander Vineyard.

PROCESS

Both primary and secondary fermentation were conducted using indigenous or native yeast and ML without any additions.

TASTING

Deep red hues lead one into brambly berry and bright cherry notes on the nose with a great backbone of acidity and firm tannins. This is one of our most structured, Eurocentric and profound offerings of Pinot noir. A wine that will continue to improve with cellaring and pairs well with heartier fare and flavorful cheeses.