## 2022 "Whole Cluster" Estate Pinot Noir



## The Vineyard:

The grapes for this wine come from the "**Alfaro Family Vineyard**" - our largest vineyard at just over 16 acre. 13 acres are planted to Pinot Noir, two acres are planted to Gruner Veltliner and one acre is Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir plantings consists of 9 different blocks; each block has a different combination of clones and rootstock, including clones 113, 114, 115, 667, 777, 828, Pommard, Mt. Eden and Swan. Vine density is 1361 vines per acre. The vineyard is on a south facing hillside at between 500 and 650 feet in elevation. The soil is a deep sandy loam.

## The Wine:

This wine was made with 100% whole clusters. The inclusion of stems during fermentation leads to an abundance of floral and spice on the nose, and ripe Bing cherry and blackberry elements on the palate. This wine has a rich, velvety texture with well-integrated tannins and acidity. Enjoy with salmon or other fatty fish, roasted chicken or pasta dishes, duck and other game birds, casseroles, or stews like beef bourguignon.

## **Technical Data:**

Production	45 cases	Release Date	Spring 2024
Alcohol	13.5 % by vol.	Aging	10 months in neutral French oak barrels
<b>Bottle Size</b>	750 ml	Suggested Retail	\$48