

PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 119 Cases
Dijon Clone: 777 | 50% New French Oak

Vineyard

Gap's Crown Vineyard

AVA

Petaluma Gap AVA (Sonoma County)

Wine Profile

Ruby/plum in color flowing to the rim, wild aromas of mulled red and dark fruits, mulled spice and fresh cut hay are effusive and forever expanding with this wine. Scents of game and spring flowers combine to create an amazing ride for the senses.

Palate Impressions

While at first this wine does not appear to be full bodied, the ever-expanding range of flavors and persistent mouthfeel seems to last for minutes on the palate. The finish is perfectly balanced and integrated with the acidity. This wine incorporates everything one would want in a Pinot Noir.

Vineyard Context

At an elevation of 300-800 feet above sea level, Gap's Crown sits in the heart of the Sonoma Coast AVA. This is an extremely rocky, well-draining site with northwestern exposure, which consistently produces powerful, concentrated Pinot Noirs in a New World-style. Its proximity to the Petaluma Gap, from which its name is derived, effectively moderates temperature during warm spells in the summer and fall that enables the crop to hang into late September and October in most vintages.

Mike Smith
Winemaker

