

PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 133 Cases
Dijon Clone: 777 | 50% New French Oak

Vineyard

Gap's Crown Vineyard

AVA

Petaluma Gap AVA (Sonoma County)

Wine Profile

Deep and steady, this powerful, full-bodied Pinot offers a red/blue color spectrum displaying aromas of dark red fruits, blackberries & spice. Boasting silky polished tannins, it emits a long balanced finish. Year after year, the coveted Gap's Crown vineyard continues to yield grapes that embody both strength, concentration and elegance.

Palate Impressions

Not typically known for overly expressive floral notes, the Gap's Crown gives a "wink and a nod" to blue violets along with scents of ripe cherries. The creamy texture is highlighted by slight caramel and black tea on the mid palate, giving way to a sappy potent finish. Aged 10 months in 75% new French oak barrels.

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.

