

PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 150 Cases
Dijon Clone: 777 | 75% New French Oak

Vineyard

Gap's Crown Vineyard

AVA

Petaluma Gap AVA (Sonoma County)

Tasting Notes

Known for “packing a punch,” Gap’s Crown Vineyard is considered by many to be “the crown jewel of Pinots” in the Sonoma wine region. The fruit is distinguishable, known for its highly concentrated berry size and thick skin. The rain that came early in the 2022 season gave life to the terroir and helped foster more earth driven notes on the palate. You will certainly catch the minerality along with hints of rose floral notes which is not characteristic of past vintages. This wine is more medium bodied, showcasing ample fruit, with cranberry and deep cherries, while hints of vanilla and cocoa spices round out the finish. This is an elegant bolder wine, that we deem our Cab lovers Pinot. Enjoy!

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.

