

# PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 149 Cases  
Dijon Clone: 777 | 50% New French Oak

## Vineyard

Gap's Crown Vineyard

## AVA

Petaluma Gap AVA (Sonoma County)

## Wine Profile

Big, bold, and balanced, similar to previous Gap's Crown vintages, this wine showcases a natural complexity with aromas of ripe red and dark fruits, including cherry, plum, and blackberry, along with a hint of rose petals.

## Palate Impressions

The loamy mineral characteristics from the vineyard's fertile volcanic soil are beautifully paired on the palate with notes of cocoa and black tea. Its texture is velvety, featuring gentle tannins and balanced acidity. As the most daring in our collection, this wine delivers a prolonged, memorable finish.

## 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.

