



DOMAINE  
ANDERSON



**VARIETAL:**  
100% Pinot Noir  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%

“Winemaker Darrin Low crafts forward, layered Pinots of distinction.”

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# ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2021

## OVERVIEW

Domaine Anderson is nestled in the breathtaking, fog-cooled hillside and mountain terrain of Northern California’s Anderson Valley. The cooling marine layer that is characteristic of this region provides ideal conditions for the cultivation of pinot noir and chardonnay grapes. Winemaker Darrin Low crafts wines with precision and care to express the uniqueness of our Anderson Valley terroir.

The 2021 Domaine Anderson Estate Pinot Noir is a blend of 83% Dach vineyard, our Demeter biodynamic and CCOF organic certified 20-acre home ranch, and 17% Walraven vineyard, our warmest inland site and CCOF organic certified vineyard overlooking the town of Boonville.

## WINEMAKING

Small-lot fermentation batches were allowed to spontaneously ferment with indigenous yeast. A combination of punchdown, foot tread and pumpover was used during an average 10 days in tank on skins before pressing in our small basket press. A lengthy, cool native malolactic fermentation in 60-gallon neutral French oak barrels lasted through the following spring.

100% neutral oak barrel and 7% second-fill barrels were used to support purity of fruit without new wood impact. 2% whole cluster fermentation helps to frame the mid-palate tannin structure. The wine was racked and blended after 15 months aging before bottling in the winter of the following year.

Aged in Burgundian barrels for 15 months,  
7% second-fill barrels

## TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Estate Pinot noir displays a deep garnet color, with aromas of black tea and dark berries that are complemented by hints of graphite and mushroom. The palate is harmonious and balanced, featuring flavors of blackberry, black olive and blood orange. This wine has a robust and firm texture, with a bright and savory finish.

**96**  
POINTS  
JEB DUNNUCK

Winemaker Darrin Low blends Pinot from two estate vineyards, 83% from Dach and 17% from Walraven, to make the 2021 Pinot Noir Estate, which is nicely perfumed in rose and lavender. Balanced between sweet summer strawberry, blackberry, and raspberry flavors, it offers a hint of baking spice and earthy forest floor around a core of soft, supple tannins and a lengthy finish. The acidity is ample enough to support aging for another 8-10 years.

**95**  
POINTS  
WINE ENTHUSIAST

This wine is opulent, with aromas of strawberry, raspberry, dark plum, orange zest and notes of dried sage on the nose. The flavors on the palate are boysenberry, pink grapefruit segments, vanilla cream and Red Vines, intertwined with dried tobacco, bittersweet chocolate and a dry, long finish. Hold or decant until 2034. Pair with sautéed chanterelle mushrooms.

**92**  
POINTS  
JAMES SUCKLING.COM

This brings freshness, charm and a good sense of juicy ripeness. Plump red and black cherries, raspberries and light cinnamon accents on the palate. A medium to full body laced with good acidity and gentle tannins for linearity. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.

**91**  
POINTS  
Decanter

This wine is from an assortment of estate Anderson Valley vineyard sites. The aromas are pleasing and fresh, with redolent notes of strawberries and sweet cherries. The palate is consistent, with piquant notes of blood orange and dried anise framing fresh strawberry flesh and touches of sea spray minerality.



40% Walraven Vineyard (Certified CCOF Organic)  
60% Dach Vineyard (Certified CCOF Organic and Demeter Biodynamic)

