

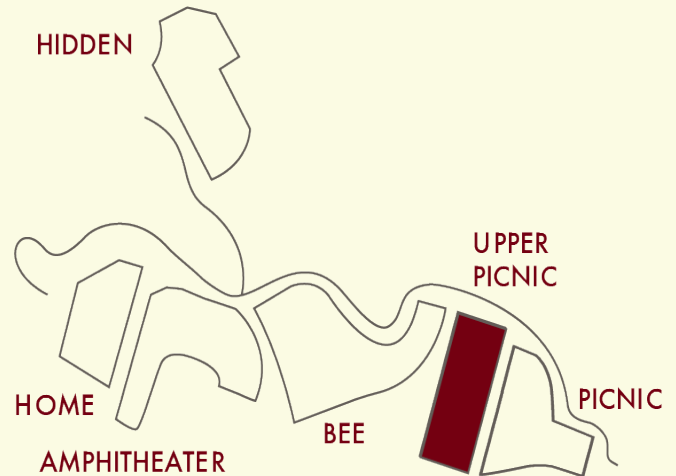
# 2019 Upper Picnic Block Pinot Noir



## THE VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season was cooler than that of 2018. The fruit saw less hang time on the vines than the prior year. With a cooler growing season the 2019 wines showed elegant, yet powerful flavors.

**VINTAGE:** 2019  
**PICK DATE:** 9/23/2019  
**APPELLATION:** SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS AVA  
**ALC/VOL:** 12.7%  
**PRODUCTION:** 350 CASES  
**CLONE:** DIJON 777 CLONE ON OLD ROOTSTOCK  
**DATE PLANTED:** 2006  
**FERMENTATION:** OPEN TOP FERMENTOR, FULL MLF  
**ÉLEVAGE:** 28% NEW FRENCH OAK, 10 MO  
**WINEMAKER:** SHALINI SEKHAR



## THE WINEMAKING

Fruit is picked before first light to optimize varietal characteristics and expression. After a stringent hand sorting process, only the finest fruit is fermented partial whole cluster in stainless steel tanks. Manual punch downs take place twice daily during fermentation. The pressed wine is racked to barrel upon finishing the ferment. The wine goes through malolactic fermentation during the 10 months of barrel aging in cellar. The wines are bottled without filtration to capture the delicate flavors and aromas unique to each block.

## THE ÉLEVAGE

2019 Upper Picnic Block was aged in barrel. These barrels came from the French cooperages Sirugue, François Frères, and Billon. 4 of 14 barrels were new oak.

## AWARD & ACCOLADES

95 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*  
93 pts, *Prince of Pinot*



**AVA:** SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

**CLONE:** DIJON 777

**ROOTSTOCK:** GEWÜRZTRAMINER (1982)

**PLANTING DATE:** 2006

**ACRES:** 2

**VINE COUNT:** 1200

**ELEVATION:** 660 TO 645 FT

**DIRECTIONAL PLACEMENT:** EAST-FACING

**SOIL COMPOSITION:** CLAY

**TRELLISING:** QUADRILATERAL CORDONS

## ABOUT UPPER PICNIC BLOCK

Upper Picnic block is one of three legacy Pinot Noir blocks at Spring Ridge Vineyard. Upper Picnic Block spans between 660 to 645 feet above sea level. This block is 2 acres in size. In 2006, Dijon 777 clone was grafted on to the existing Gewürztraminer rootstock which had originally been planted at this site in 1982.

Upper Picnic Block consists of a soil blend of 27% sand, 32% silt, and 41% clay.

## ABOUT SPRING RIDGE VINEYARD

Spring Ridge Vineyard sits on an east-facing ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The ridge ascends from 500 to 1700 feet above sea level. The maritime climate of the San Francisco Bay offers cool, crisp mornings and warm, sunny afternoons creating perfect conditions for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The soil at Spring Ridge Vineyard consists of sedimentary rock, 1 to 3 million years old, at a shallow and mid level depth, perfect for the expression of our grapes. We strive to protect and nurture the entire ecological community of Spring Ridge Vineyard, and are dedicated to stewarding and replenishing the land we inhabit.

