

SMITH STORY

WINE CELLARS

2019 SMITH STORY WINE CELLARS

PINOT NOIR, HELLUVA VINEYARD

ANDERSON VALLEY, MENDOCINO COUNTY

Vineyard Location:

Boonville, California. Sloping vineyard against the SW ridge with a seasonal creek. Massive diurnal shift in this location.

Vintage:

Our 6th and final pinot noir release from this vineyard before we moved into more deep-end organic vineyard contracts. As we dig back into our memory of the 2019 harvest of Helluva was nothing less than a classic harvest for Smith Story. A cool and wet beginning of the year in Boonville, bud break in late March followed by a moderate weather year.

Fun fact: rain began the morning after our harvest under the night sky. September fermentation filled the winery with the signature Helluva Vineyard fresh aromas full of the joy always found from this special Anderson Valley wine. The Helluva pinot noir (along with all our wines) was tucked away safely in barrel by the time of the Kincaid fire which caused evacuations in and around the custom crush winery in Windsor.

Today this wine is filled with beauty. It's sleek, well-balanced wine with loved and vibrant flavors of juicy cherry and red-currants. The 25% new oak is integrated giving a slight taste of toasted French baguettes and with a hint of cinnamon. It's delicious. The aging potential is at least 10 more years.

Clone:

Pommard

Harvest Date:

Septmeber 16, 2019

Vinification:

Destemmed, open top stainless steel, daily punch downs. Cold and slow fermentation. Barrels/Aging: 35%



new Burgundy, 65% used Burgundy barrels

Bottling Date:

August 16, 2021

Production Size:

550 cases.

SRP:

\$56-60

ABV: 13.5%