



FARMERS. WINEMAKERS. FAMILY. Gary Pisoni evoked a passion for wine and revolutionized how people perceived Pinot Noir in the Santa Lucia Highlands. His 1982 planting in the unlikely terrain of his mountain vineyard was abound with firsts, hurdles and naysayers—until he planted his proprietary selection of Pinot Noir, discovered water and began producing world-renown Pinot Noir.

The iconic Pisoni Estate is now managed by brothers Mark and Jeff, vineyard manager and winemaker. The Vineyards consists of small blocks arranged on and around the ridges of the mountainous landscape. Farming is precise, and carried out with a long-term vision and sustainability.

The Pisoni Family produces essentially one wine per year under this label. The wine is a blend from several low-yielding blocks on the Estate and is hand-crafted to best represent the vineyard and spirit of the Pisoni Family. Total production ranges from 500 to 800 cases annually, depending on yield.

2021 PISONI ESTATE PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD

One of the highest-elevation vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands: 1,300'
Decomposed granite soil.
High amounts of schist & quartz
Heavy fog influence
36 planted acres with 30 individually farmed blocks or sub-blocks
100% sustainable farming
Hand-farmed & hand-harvested

VINTAGE

Dry winter brought only seven inches of rainfall
Rainfall was later than normal which helped soil moisture
Budbreak started at the end of March, later than normal
Summer was very mild with low vine vigor due to limited rain
Harvest was excellent and progressed under cool, steady weather
Low vigor and cool weather brought great concentration and elegance

WINERY

Hand Sorting
100% native-yeast fermentation
40% whole-cluster fermentation
100% French oak barrels:
68% new oak
Minimal intervention is practiced
Only natural settling of the wine is utilized: No use of fining or filtration

NOTES:

Our much-awaited 2021 Pisoni Estate Pinot Noir is the beautiful result of ideal growing conditions, diligent farming practices, and careful winemaking. Sporting a deep reddish-purple color that foreshadows the depth, this is one of our most exciting bottlings of recent vintages. Aromas of violets, black cherry, Santa Rosa plum, and spiced sandalwood emanate from the glass. The palate is equally complex and remarkably structured. The long growing season, careful fermentation and some whole cluster inclusion brings power and understated elegance with finishing notes of dark berry coulis and Herbs de Provence. The 2021 Pisoni Estate Pinot Noir is a strict barrel selection sourced from six different blocks of our estate vineyard. This vibrant and structured wine will benefit from a long decant in its youth—but will reward with long aging in the cellar.

- Mark & Gary Pisoni, Vineyard Managers
- Jeff Pisoni, Winemaker
- Alcohol: 14.1%
- Cases Produced: 680
- Bottled Date: August 17, 2022
- Release Date: September 2023