



DOMAINE  
ANDERSON



**VARIETAL:**  
100% Pinot Noir  
**ALCOHOL:** 12.6%

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

# ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2019

## OVERVIEW

2019 is our first certified organic vintage for the Domaine Anderson Estate Pinot noir. A blend of 60% Dach vineyard, our Demeter biodynamic and CCOF organic certified 20-acre home ranch, and 40% Walraven vineyard, our warmest inland site near the village of Boonville and CCOF organic certified in 2019.

Light, sandy-clay and loams characterize the soils, with roughly 300 feet elevation, south and south west facing slopes for optimum morning sun exposure and cooling influences from the Pacific.

The 2019 vintage is characterized by late spring rains and moderately cool temperatures during growing season permitting longer than usual hang time on the vines and producing plump, flavorful berries during steady and slow ripening.

## WINEMAKING

We hand-picked grapes during the cool summer nights from late August to mid-September. Small fermentation batches were allowed to spontaneous ferment with indigenous yeast. A combination of punchdown, foot tread and gentle pumpover were used during an average 8-day skin contact maceration before pressing in our small basket press.

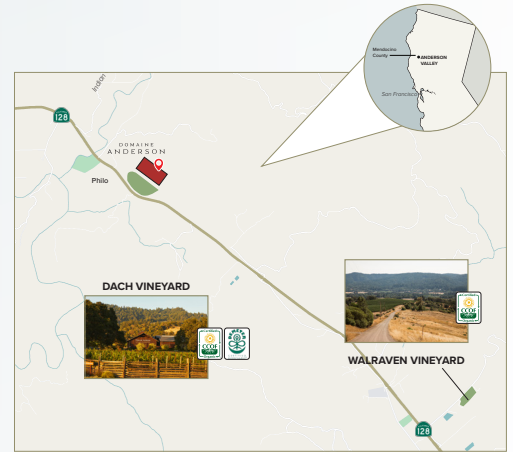
Slow and cool indigenous malolactic fermentation in 60-gallon French oak barrique, including a modest 5% new barrel to allow for pure expression of fruit without too much new barrel impact lasted through the spring months.

Wine was racked and blended just before bottling in the winter of the following year.

Aged in French oak barrels for 15 months, 5% new barrel.

## TASTING NOTES

Translucent pale red berry color. Aromas of rose petal, red cherry with a hint of smoke and incense reveal elegant and silky texture on the palate. Savory flavors of crushed raspberry, fresh mushroom and red bramble.



40% Walraven Vineyard • 60% Dach Vineyard

**93**  
POINTS  
WINE ENTHUSIAST

Vivacious from the go, with pronounced aromas of black cherry and plum, bittersweet cacao, blackberry bush, bramble and mushroomy forest floor. The palate follows through, adding additional layering of black tea and violet potpourri. Let the fine-grained tannins tickle your tongue, the vibrant acidity give you that prickle of energy and that long, lengthy finish convince you of another sip.

**93**  
POINTS  
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Aromas of bright red fruit and berries, dried herbs and a hint of mushroom, as well as hibiscus, watermelon and dried strawberry. Medium-bodied with soft tannins. Pleasantly spiced. A bit of tobacco, too. Salinity at the end. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Drink now.

**92**  
POINTS  
VINOUS

The 2019 Pinot Noir Estate Vineyard is a very pretty, fragrant wine redolent of crushed red berry fruit, chalk, mint, white pepper and orange peel. I admire its energy, class and transparent expression of Anderson Valley. This airy, weightless Pinot is a total charmer.

**90**  
POINTS  
WINE SPECTATOR

Bright and racy, with a savory streak amid pomegranate and damson plum notes, while a tangy blood orange accent zips up the finish. Drink now through 2023.

