

EMERITUS VINEYARDS

E CLUB NEWS



Dear Friends,

I'm excited to share with you the first new wines of our 26th year. Each wine we make reflects our passion of honoring our beautiful home.

Spring is a time of renewal—the return of sunlight, the first buds on the vines, and the promise of a new growing season. When I walk through the vineyard on a crisp spring evening, I feel energized and optimistic for the year ahead. That same vibrancy and promise is captured in these wines.

I highly recommend enjoying these wines with the joys of spring, particularly those first evenings when the sunlight lingers through dinner. For me, the bright acidity of any wine from Pinot Hill is the perfect companion for a sunny afternoon picnic feeling the cool grass on my feet. The warmth of Hallberg Ranch pairs beautifully with a sunset, as the last rays of sun give way to the cool evening air.

As our vineyards embrace the season, I hope this spring brings you renewed energy and joy. Thank you for your continued membership—your support enables us to follow our passion and craft wines that tell the story of the incredible vineyards we are fortunate to call home.

Cheers!

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2021 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 growing season began with a very dry and cool winter. The relatively modest precipitation limited overall canopy growth and led to small clusters of highly concentrated berries. With temperate summer weather and no significant heat events, there are spectacular flavors from the smaller-than-average crop. At the same time, due to our dry-farming practices, flavors were able to develop at much lower sugars than irrigated vineyards, which is a recipe for beautifully balanced wines.

FEATURED SPRING RELEASES

2021 Emeritus Vineyards, Hallberg Ranch Elite

Russian River Valley Estate Grown Pinot Noir

The Elite clone is like no other, both on the vine and in the glass, brimming with notes of sweet clay, muddled blueberry, fresh rain, goji, hibiscus flower, and rooibos tea. Its dense nature requires a little time to unfold, revealing juicy layers that command your attention. The mid-palate is dynamic and flavorful, offering a refined, plush mouthfeel, balanced and luscious. The lengthy finish has a soothing tannin profile, reminiscent of heavy satin fabric, suggesting this wine is just beginning a long and eventful evolution.

2021 Emeritus Vineyards, Pinot Hill Elite

Sonoma Coast Estate Grown Pinot Noir

This block gets just a few hours of afternoon sun due to the thick fog that blankets the vineyard for up to 20 hours a day. This brief sunlight is captured in the wine, bringing heady aromas of juicy pluot, steamed apples, blueberry confection, sandalwood, and a touch of Chambord. From start to finish, the Elite displays a gorgeous, hedonistic plushness and density all framed by a persistently engaging acidity. The tannins are present and thick yet highly melted into the core. It is easy to see why this wine warrants its own bottle; it is pure pleasure.

2021 Emeritus Vineyards, Pinot Hill Cruz

Sonoma Coast Estate Grown Pinot Noir

Pinot Hill Cruz exudes an irreverent yet firm nature, marrying elegance with complexity. Aromas of Meyer lemon rind, ocean air, and black tea are framed by subtle chaparral. The palate presents citrus candy juxtaposed with the wine's incredibly dry stature. The mid-palate brings a satin texture with notes of umami, chai, and ocean air. This all leads to a slowly integrating tannic structure, suggesting that this vintage will beautifully evolve over many years to come.

