



Occidental

O C C I D E N T A L

Bodega Headlands Cuvée Elizabeth Pinot Noir 2022

California, USA

Our goal each year is to capture the vibrancy, energy and rare, chiseled red fruit quality that this site is capable of producing. We pick the Bodega Headlands Vineyard in multiple passes at the early edge of ripeness to produce a firmly structured wine that is distinguished by its complexity and intensity rather than any dimension of weight.

We preserve as many intact whole berries as possible throughout the fermentation process by using the bare minimum number of gentle punch downs. The temperature of the cap and of the fermenting juice is kept lower than our other bottlings in order to capture the high-toned, lifted aromatics and saline essence this site expresses. This gives the Bodega Headlands pinot noir the vivid aromatics we desire, along with a measure of elegance and grace.



Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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**Decanter (DCT) : 97 Points (2021)**

Dry farming is always an option, even in hot vintages. In 2021, Occidental grew abundant canopies, and a cool September meant a more relaxing vintage. Everything is destemmed, tasted from bottled #1566. This wine is aromatically haunting with lots of high-tone red fruited character with wild violets, white pepper and turned soil. The gorgeous flavours of blueberries and wild green strawberries meld together for a well-knit palate, with elegant spices, clove, five spice and wild anise. Certified sustainable, all estate vineyards are a proprietary massale selection of mixed clones. (CP)

**Wine Spectator (WS) : 96 Points (2021)**

Waves of succulent black cherry and mulberry fruit drape over a subtly piercing mineral aspect, while a backdrop of red and black tea, dried anise and blood orange zest adds alluring range. Racy, finely beaded acidity provides a nearly invisible corset of structure, letting it all play out with confidence through the lengthy finish. (JM)

**Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2021)**

The 2021 Pinot Noir Bodega Headlands Cuvée Elizabeth, from vines planted in 2000, is particularly alluring for its aromatic complexity. Generous cranberry sauce and pomegranate aromas are complemented by detailed accents of charcuterie, blood orange peel, mushrooms, aniseed and an array of spices reminiscent of Angostura bitters. The medium-bodied palate is like a finely balanced scale, its expansive, detailed flavors supported by silky tannins and a spine of focused acidity, and it has a long, spicy finish. After the bottle is opened, it unfurls dramatically over several days, and its dynamic character and chiseled structure point to a long life in bottle. 96+ (EB)

