



## Kosta Browne

Since 2006, Kosta Browne has cultivated an intimate relationship with this site, producing wines of consistent distinction and textural grace.

### Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021

California, USA

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#### Region and Vineyards

Gap's Crown Vineyard is located in the **Petaluma Gap AVA**, a subregion of the **Sonoma Coast** in California. This appellation is renowned for its maritime climate, shaped by a unique geographical feature: a low-lying gap in the coastal mountains that channels brisk ocean winds and cool fog inland from the Pacific. These climatic conditions result in significant diurnal temperature shifts, which slow the ripening process and allow for **exceptionally balanced acidity** and aromatic complexity in Pinot Noir grapes. The long growing season encourages steady phenolic development while preserving freshness, a hallmark of wines from this area.

The vineyard sits on steep, east-facing slopes between 120 and 250 meters in elevation. Its soils, part of the **Goulding-Toomes complex**, are composed of **cobbly clay loam**—well-drained and low in fertility, which naturally limits vine vigor and concentrates fruit character. The vineyard is planted with a selection of heritage and Dijon clones, including 114, 115, 667, and Swan, each contributing distinct layers of texture, structure, and perfume. Thanks to its meticulous farming and site-specific expression, Gap's Crown has emerged as one of the **preeminent vineyards for Pinot Noir** in California, consistently delivering wines of precision, depth, and site-driven identity.

#### Winemaking

The 2021 Gap's Crown Pinot Noir was vinified using **41% stainless steel, 34% wooden tanks, and 25% concrete**, ensuring a balance between freshness, textural roundness, and complexity. A **6% whole cluster inclusion** added nuance, aromatics, and structure.

Aged for **17 months**, the wine saw **41% new French oak** and **2% new Austrian oak**, imparting subtle spice and polish without overshadowing the purity of the fruit. Before bottling, the wine spent one month in **100% stainless steel** to fine-tune clarity and vibrancy. It displays **14.1% ABV**, a **pH of 3.63**, and **TA of 5.86 g/L**, achieving a deft balance of energy and weight.

97  
James  
Suckling



Alcohol :14,10 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Medium ruby with youthful brilliance.
- **Aroma:** Refined bouquet of crushed raspberry, pomegranate, lemon blossom, and savory hints of sage and fennel.
- **Palate:** Sleek and elegant on the palate with medium acidity, delivering layers of red fruit and subtle herbal tones. The finish is vibrant, long, and distinctly mineral—a classic expression of Gap's Crown.

## Did you know?

The **2021 vintage** involved **five separate harvest picks over the course of a month**, allowing Kosta Browne to vinify each block at optimal ripeness. This meticulous approach results in a wine of **exceptional balance and site fidelity**, vintage after vintage.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Seared duck breast with sage and cherry glaze** – enhances the wine's red fruit and herbal elegance.
- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary** – earthy and savory, matching the vineyard's signature notes of sage and fennel.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto** – the wine's acidity and texture pair beautifully with umami and creaminess.
- **Roasted beet tart with goat cheese** – the vibrant fruit and herbaceous lift complement this earthy, tangy dish.

### James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2021)



*So much peach, tangerine and mandarin orange aromas then goes to oyster shell and bark and then follows through to a medium body with lots of tension and fine tannins that take you down deep. Dried orange peel. Delicious and vivid finish.*

### Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 96 Points (2021)



*A dark red color, the 2021 Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard is ripe and expressively detailed on the nose, with notes of cherry liqueur, pie spices, candied flowers, and sweet sage. Medium to full-bodied, it's ripe and beautifully textured, with plush, ripe tannins and a long, supple finish. (AF)*

### Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2021)



*The broody yet polished 2021 Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard was matured for 17 months in 41% new French oak. It has aromas of blueberry, pomegranate, licorice, iron and nori. The palate is vibrant and light on its feet with nuanced, spicy flavors and a long, elegant finish. (EB)*

