



Kosta Browne

Crafted from a mosaic of prestigious vineyards, this wine captures the essence of a rugged, remote terroir through delicate vinification and precision blending.

Anderson Valley Pinot Noir 2021

California, USA

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Region and Vineyards

The **Anderson Valley AVA**, nestled in the cool, fog-laden coastal reaches of Mendocino County, is one of California's most distinctive Pinot Noir regions. With a complex interplay of **cool Pacific influence**, elevation variation, and **marine sedimentary soils**—notably the Bearwallow complex—this AVA lends itself to wines of freshness, elegance, and textural depth.

The 2021 vintage was sourced from a blend of four emblematic vineyards: **Cerise, Knez, Demuth, and Gowan Creek**, each contributing to a multi-layered tapestry of flavor and structure. The diversity in **clonal selection** (including Swan, Calera, 2A, and Dijon clones like 828 and 23) adds aromatic breadth and structural nuance. These vineyards are all **vertically shoot positioned (VSP)**, maximizing light exposure and canopy control in a climate where fog and diurnal shifts shape grape development.

Winemaking

Vinified with a meticulous approach to freshness and expression, fermentation was executed across multiple vessels: **67% in stainless steel**, preserving the purity of fruit; **18% in concrete**, enhancing mid-palate texture; and **15% in large-format wooden tanks**, promoting gentle extraction.

Aged for 13 months, the élevage employed **38% new French oak**, integrated with **34% aged wood casks**, lending subtle spice, toast, and textural polish without dominating the fruit. This approach reflects Kosta Browne's ethos: allowing the **terroir to shine through** while building layered complexity. Bottled at **13.5% ABV**, the wine retains remarkable balance and energy, typical of the cool 2021 harvest.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Brilliant ruby with garnet reflections.
- **Aroma:** Wild blackberry, violet, and cranberry intertwine with subtle woodsmoke, fresh herbs, and a hint of charred lemon zest.
- **Palate:** A vibrant, concentrated core of dark cherry, blueberry, and cranberry is underscored by lifted acidity and silky tannins. Savory undertones and refined oak contribute to a persistent, powerful finish with seductive texture and finesse.



Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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Did you know?

The **2021 harvest in Anderson Valley lasted 24 days**, marked by ideal ripening conditions. This slow and steady development allowed for **optimal phenolic maturity** and expressive aromatics—a hallmark of top-tier cool-climate Pinot Noir vintages.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with cherry reduction** – complements the wine's berry-driven profile and enhances its savory nuance.
- **Wild mushroom risotto** – the earthy umami of mushrooms mirrors the wine's forest floor complexity.
- **Seared tuna with soy-ginger glaze** – a surprising match that draws out the wine's subtle herbaceous and savory notes.
- **Grilled quail with rosemary and thyme** – a rustic yet refined pairing echoing the wine's structure and wild aromatics.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2021)

This wine is lively with aromas of Bing cherry, raspberry and clove on the nose. The midpalate has flavors of cranapple-strawberry, cinnamon, orange zest and vanilla bean interlaced with tobacco leaf, spiced bittersweet chocolate and a dry finish. Decant and drink now, or enjoy through 2030. Pair with Peking duck. (TP)



James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)

Luscious aromas of rose petals, cherry cream and toasted oak lead to a rich palate of black cherries, blackcurrants, cinnamon and star anise. A medium body, moderate tannins and good acidity give it plenty of life and lift to complement the lavish spices and fruit.



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2021)

The 2021 Pinot Noir Anderson Valley, matured for 13 months in 38% new French oak, takes some time to shake off its cedary new oak and reveal red cherry, pipe tobacco and garrigue. The medium-bodied palate is chalky and refreshing with concentrated, spicy fruit, and it has a long finish laced with baking spices.

