



Birichino

Birichino Rodnick Farm Pinot Noir 2021 is an extraordinary expression of the Chalone AVA, showcasing the unique character of granite- and limestone-rich soils combined with high-altitude elegance.

Rodnick Farm Pinot Noir 2021

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **Rodnick Farm** vineyard is situated in the **Chalone AVA**, nestled in the **Gabilan Range** near **Pinnacles National Park**. This unique site lies on the eastern side of the **Salinas Valley**, an area defined by its weathered granite debris and calcareous soils—ancient marine deposits uplifted by tectonic forces.

The vineyard was originally planted by **Dick Graff** in **1986**, featuring older clones such as **Swan and Chalone 46**, as well as newer blocks of **Pommard and 114 clones**. The vineyard's volcanic soils and high altitude impart a distinctive **mineral-driven character**, often blurring the line between varietal identification. The organic farming practices, including regenerative methods with **heritage sheep** and composting, enhance the vineyard's biodiversity and the wine's natural purity.

Winemaking

The **2021 vintage** was harvested on **September 3**, under ideal conditions. Fermentation was conducted **spontaneously** using native yeasts, ensuring a pure expression of terroir.

The wine was bottled **unfiltered**, preserving its vibrant energy and complex aromatics. The alcohol level of **13%** highlights the balanced ripeness achieved in this cool-climate vineyard, while the acidity (**5.7 g/L**) and pH (**3.58**) reflect its refreshing structure and precision. The final production was limited to only **165 cases**, emphasizing the artisanal approach taken by Birichino.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby red with translucent clarity.
- **Aroma:** A captivating bouquet of **tart cherries**, **roasted herbs**, and a subtle **meaty undertone**, underscored by delicate notes of **dried flowers** and a hint of minerality.
- **Palate:** Light to medium-bodied, featuring flavors of **cranberries**, **red currants**, and a touch of **smokiness**. The wine's **silky tannins** and vibrant acidity create a precise, balanced structure, leading to a long, mineral-driven finish.

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Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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Did You Know?

The **Rodnick Farm vineyard** is home to heritage breeds of **sheep and herding dogs**, which contribute to its regenerative farming practices. This organic, biodiverse approach enhances the vineyard's soil health and supports the production of wines with exceptional purity and terroir expression.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Wild mushroom tart:** The wine's earthy complexity complements the umami-rich flavors of mushrooms.
- **Herb-crusted pork tenderloin:** The tart cherry and savory notes of the wine balance the richness of the pork and herbs.
- **Grilled salmon with a soy glaze:** The wine's vibrant acidity and subtle smokiness pair beautifully with the richness of the fish and the umami glaze.
- **Duck confit with roasted vegetables:** The wine's silky texture and bright fruit enhance the dish's savory and caramelized elements.



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2021)

The 2021 Pinot Noir Rodnick Farm informs the taster of its rocky, mountainous high desert origins, with a sweeping, intensely focused nose of chaparral, quarry dust and crushed red fruits, flanked by a balancing sweet tobacco richness. The palate is plush yet pliable, lined with a rocky tension that comes to the fore in the taut, inward and blazingly mineral finish—a beautiful expression of this unique California terroir that will easily reward time in the cellar.

