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## TONGUE DANCER PINOT DE VILLE PUTNAM VINEYARD PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST 2019

### Analysis

The 2019 vintage marks the sixth edition of The Tongue Dancer "Pinot de Ville" — how time flies. Each vintage features a different Cadillac de Villes on the label and this year the vehicle has handlebars! As always, grapes are sourced from the Putnam Vineyard located in the Sonoma Coast town of Annapolis just six miles from the Pacific coast. The grapes are hand-picked and gently destemmed, not crushed. The five-day, pre-fermentation cold soak undoubtedly contributes to the dark, inky color and intense aromatics. This Pinot rests for 16 months exclusively in French oak barrels (35% new) prior to bottling. This wine is made entirely at their Grapewagon Crush facility in Healdsburg. Just 113 cases made — get this Pinot before it disappears.

**Cool Grade = A | Value Grade = B**

### Tasting Note

Brilliant, deep ruby color. The aromatics are wonderfully intense offering scents of red cherry and black cherry with supporting notes of earth, cranberry, slate, thyme, and hints of truffle. The palate echoes the nose delivering a red and black fruits-driven core with flavors of black plum, baking spices, raspberry, and hibiscus flower. The finish is long and lingering with ripe tannins and oak accents. Full-bodied and perfectly balanced with an opulent texture.

### How to Enjoy

Typically this wine really needs nothing but this vintage is so amazingly robust that it really excels with food — especially in its youth. Pair it with a grilled beef ribeye or rich, braised beef and mushrooms.



**Country:** USA

**Region:** California

**Appellation:** Sonoma Coast

**Varietal:** Pinot Noir

**Retail Price:** \$69

**ABV:** 15.1%



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