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TONGUE DANCER THE SLY ONE PINOT NOIR ANDERSON VALLEY 2019

Analysis

The third vintage of "The Sly One" is a winner albeit an unexpected palate sensation. The first two vintages of The Sly One featured Sonoma Coast fruit. Before opening the bottle I assumed that this was still the case — I was wrong. For the 2019 vintage of the The Sly One they pulled a sly one and made a stupendous Pinot from Grant Family Vineyards, Philo, in Anderson Valley. This vineyard features three clones: 115, 667, and 777, a selection of Dijon clones. The wines rested in French oak for 16 months and was bottled in February of 2021. Now we know the identity of this super hero — The Sly One is James MacPhail and his deep knowledge of Pinot, California appellations, and the top growers in the business. The decision to use this create fruit came with a price, there are only two barrels of this delightful nectar. The release date is September 6 so be sure to get your bottles fast as they will surely be gone in short order.

Cool Grade = A | Value Grade = B+

Tasting Note

Brilliant, deep ruby color. The aromatics are very intense offering scents of raspberry, black tea, and forest floor with supporting notes of hibiscus flower, graphite, a unique minerality, oak, and hints of wild mint. The palate confirms the nose delivering a red and black fruits-driven core with flavors of black cherry, five spice, mineral, and vanilla. The finish is long and lingering with ripe tannins and sweet oak tones. Medium to full-bodied and perfectly balanced with an opulent yet vibrant texture.



Country: USA

Region: California

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Retail Price: \$59

ABV: 14.56%



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