

WESTWOOD

ANNADEL GAP VINEYARD

38° 17' 30" N - 122° 27' 27" W



## 2021 Westwood “Founder’s Reserve” Annadel Gap Vineyard Pinot Noir Sonoma Valley

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94 PTS

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“Sourced from the 14.9ha Annadel Gap Vineyard in Sonoma Valley, Pinot Noir clones 667 and 777 are rooted in alluvial, glacial, and sedimentary soils. The vineyard is farmed biodynamically with minimal impact. Grapes are night-harvested, then hand-sorted and tank-fermented in open-top stainless steel tanks and oak uprights. An average of 10% whole clusters are included, with skin contact lasting up to 17 days, followed by basket pressing and 18 months of ageing in 50% new French oak barrels. The wine displays a deep ruby colour, typical of the region's thick-skinned grapes, which develop dark pigments due to the morning fog and afternoon winds. This is a riveting Pinot Noir with a rich, creamy mid-palate and a cacophony of brown spices and dark berry flavours. Enticing aromatics lure you in, evoking dried violets, underbrush, brooding cherry liqueur, and blackberry preserves. Medium- to full-bodied, it offers an intensely creamy texture, with tannins that build towards a cedar-tinged finish. All too easy to drink. Carl Stanton owns Westwood, and Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky handle winemaking.”

■ Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter Magazine*

