



Sundawg Ridge Vineyard

Green Valley of the Russian River Valley

6.9 planted acres

Description

In the mid 1990s Nancy Winn and Chuck Kensler retired and moved from Palo Alto to bucolic western Sonoma County, among old Apple orchards and Chestnut groves, just 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean. They met Jim Pratt and took a community college winegrowing class from him, deciding to grow grapes on the sloping hill of their Green Valley home, named after the sun refractions that cause a beautiful light display (although we've also heard that Sundawg was Chuck's nickname in his surfing days). Planted exclusively to Pinot Noir in 2000, the vineyard sits above the morning fog line and is just reaching its prime, producing distinctive fruit that lingers on the vine and develops great depth of flavor.

Topography

Elevation: 280 feet above sea level

Slope: 9.5% (5.41°) | Aspect: Southwest (226.1°)

Trellis

Vertical Shoot Positioning

Climate

Solar Radiation

Annual Average Radiation: 104729.01 WH/m²

Growing Season: 143317.39 WH/m²

Growing Season Degree-Days: 2735.94

Huglin Index: 2132.69

Biologically Effective Degree Days: 1694.82

Temperature & Rainfall

Growing Season Average Temperatures: 77.6° - 47.9°

Annual Average Rainfall: 43.86"

Growing Season Average Rainfall: 6.55"

Soils

Goldridge fine sandy loam, eroded, moderately well drained

Pinot Noir Clones

Calera | Dijon 115 | Pommard