



# MERLO FAMILY

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## ESTATE VINEYARDS

## 2021 Pinot Noir

*Trinity, California*



### Vineyards and Growing Season:

The Merlo Family Vineyards are located on the riverbanks of the wild and scenic South Fork of the Trinity River. Surrounded by 8000 ft. mountains on all sides, the vineyards are higher than most California vineyards, at an elevation of 1,250 feet. The valley floor has alluvial soils, allowing for excellent drainage and producing elegant yet complex flavors. The surrounding hillsides are composed of shallow native clay, which helps to create bold, well-structured wines. The growing season, a full three to four weeks later than that of Napa or Sonoma, allows for a much slower ripening, increasing hang time and creating full concentrated flavors without over-ripening or depleting natural acids.

### Tasting Notes:

This Pinot Noir is a balanced wine that offers black cherry and plum, prune, mission fig, dark chocolate, damp forest floor, crushed violets and blackberry jam alongside semi-refined tannins and modest acidity.

Wine Enthusiast 88 Points, \$35.00

### Enology:

**Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Aging:** 80% French Oak, 20% American Oak

**pH:** 3.38      **TA:** 6.7 Gr/Lt.      **ALC:** 14.0%

**Production:** 1000 gal      **Release:** Feb 2024