

2020

# Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY  
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## APPLE BARN PINOT NOIR ANDERSON VALLEY

The 2020 Apple Barn Pinot Noir is a graceful wine led by a medley of fresh boysenberry and dried floral aromas with highlights of minerality. On the smooth, full-bodied palate, fresh fruit tones continue to lead the way with notes of raspberry, boysenberry and a hint of black cherry. Elegant, fine tannins and rocky minerality guide the long finish. This pinot noir pairs well with lamb and portobello mushrooms and will age gracefully for 3-5 years.

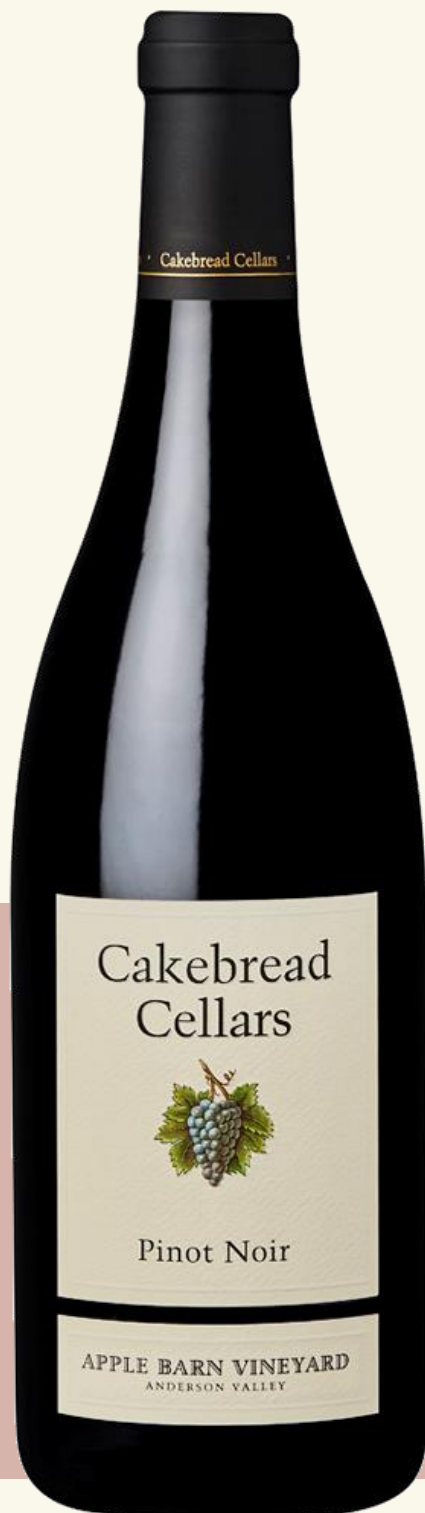
### VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

Our Apple Barn Vineyard sits on the site of a former apple orchard just north of the town of Boonville in the southern end of Mendocino County's Anderson Valley. This coastal appellation benefits from the combination of cool conditions of the nearby Pacific Ocean and bright, warm sun. The warm, sunny afternoons help develop intense flavor, deep color, and fine tannic structure in pinot noir grapes, while the chilly nights keep the natural acidity balance. The gravelly soils are planted with a variety of pinot noir clones, including French Dijon clones 115, 667 and 777 and the famed Swan and Pommard selections that produce wines with depth and complexity.

The 2020 vintage began with a warm dry winter and mild spring, which prepped the vineyards for a long, even ripening season. Summer was dominated by cool mornings and warm afternoons, slowly ripening the fruit planted on this site. The result was fully ripened Pinot Noir with notable bright red fruit character, delicate tannins, and beautiful balance.

### WINEMAKING

Each lot from the Apple Barn vineyard was fermented separately, and gently punched down throughout the fermentation to extract optimal fruit flavor, color, and tannins from the grapes. Then, the free-run wine was drained from the skins and transferred into French oak barrels (37% new) for aging. Each barrel was selected specifically to enhance the elegance inherent in our Anderson Valley vineyards. Three months after harvest, the lots were evaluated for development and character, and the final wine was blended. The wine rested for a total of 10 months in oak barrels, resulting in seamless integration between the lots and a well-balanced, elegant wine.



### GRAPE VARIETY

100% Pinot Noir

### VINEYARDS

100% Anderson Valley, Apple Barn Vineyard

### HARVEST DATES

September 9, 2020

### WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

### NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.7%

ACIDITY 0.53G/100 ml

PH 3.62

BOTTLE July 2021

AGING Aged 10 months in 37% new French oak, 63% neutral French oak

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