

# Cakebread Cellars



## 2018 Pinot Noir Annahala Ranch Anderson Valley

### Vineyard

Our Annahala Ranch in coastal Mendocino County sits on 60 acres near the small town of Boonville in southern Anderson Valley. Annahala is the sister ranch to our nearby Apple Barn Vineyard—both are former apple orchards—but Annahala, with its closer proximity to the Pacific Ocean, spends more time in fog. The climate here is widely recognized for producing world-class pinot noir wines with bright aromatics, vivid varietal flavors, and silky tannins. Vines at our Annahala Ranch are planted in loamy soils, and represent a selection of high quality pinot noir clones, including Dijon 114, 667 and 777, and clone 828. This diversity of clones enhances the wine's complexity: Dijon clones tend to impart perfume and intense black cherry characters, while clone 828 contributes elegant texture and a hint of dried rose petals.

### Vintage 2018

The 2018 growing season was a dream come true. Early spring rains replenished the soils, clusters ripened evenly over a long, slow summer with no heat spikes, and grapes reached full maturity right on time. Yields at harvest were abundant and of very high quality.

### Winemaking

We kept the blocks of our 2018 Annahala Vineyard Pinot Noir separate during fermentation in small stainless-steel tanks. Gentle punchdowns helped thoroughly extract flavor, color and tannins. Twelve percent stem retention during fermentation contributes aromatic complexity. After the free-run juice was drained from the tanks, the wines were transferred to French oak barrels, 33% new, selected specifically to enhance the elegant fruit expression of Annahala Ranch. After three months of barrel aging, the wines were blended to achieve a balance and a harmony of flavors. The blend aged a total 10 months in barrel before bottling in June 2019.

### Winemaker Notes

The wine opens with aromas of fresh boysenberry and strawberry with delicate notes of rose petal. Flavors of sweet strawberry and raspberry on the palate are supported by fine tannins and a touch of intriguing minerality. Delicious now, this fine, coastal-climate pinot noir will develop further with another 3-5 years of bottle age.

Blend:	100% Pinot Noir	pH:	3.67
Vineyards:	100% Annahala Ranch, Anderson Valley	Alcohol:	13.4%
Harvest Dates:	September 15-19, 2019	Total Acidity:	0.60 g/100ml
Fermentation:	Small stainless steel tanks with daily punchdowns	Bottled:	June 2019
Barrel Aging:	10 months in French oak barrels (33% new)	Winemaker:	Stephanie Jacobs