# CLUB CRUSH PINOT March Shipment (#2 - 2024)

# EL LUGAR WINES 2021 PINOT NOIR SPANISH SPRINGS VINEYARD SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST

# **TASTING NOTES:**

Lush aromas of creamy raspberry sorbet and concentrated hibiscus are leveled by blood orange rind and turned soil elements on the intriguing nose of this bottling. Sandy, well-polished tannins coat the palate, where strawberry, pomegranate, sumac and cinnamon flavors make for a thoroughly satisfying sip that's lush and full while crisp and clean.

# **WINERY INFO:**

El Lugar — which translates to "the place" — was established by Coby Parker- Garcia and his wife, Katie Noonan, in 2013. Together, the couple has a combined 30+ years of experience in the wine industry on the Central Coast of California. Cody has worked in winemaking since 2002; Katie's background comes from ten years in the marketing and direct-to-consumer side of the business. Katie and Coby met through working at neighboring wineries and instantly shared a combined passion for good wines, especially Pinot Noir. El Lugar specializes in small lot, vineyard-designate Pinot Noir, defined by their place of origin. Today, they currently have 5 vineyard designate Pinot Noirs, a Pinot Noir blanc, a rosé of Pinot Noir and a Syrah. Each vineyard is naturally fermented and whole-cluster pressed before final blending.

### **WINE STATS:**

Clones: Swan, 667, Mt Eden

Aging: 11 months French oak (30%

new)

**Alcohol:** 14.4%

**Production:** 200 cases



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# BELHARRA WINES 2019 PINOT NOIR ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD MENDOCINO

### **TASTING NOTES:**

This single vineyard Pinot Noir offers rich, spicy, and savory fruit from this storied Mendocino vineyard. It oozes with black cherry liquor, red stone fruit, and a touch of pine. From the first smell throughout the pallet, dark red fruits give structure to a wine with a step-up in weight. This great mountain source grants a touch of minerality to the finish.

## **WINERY INFO:**

Belharra is the name of a legendary surf spot located on the Basque coast off Socoa, France, where storm tides hit an underwater outcropping and cause a rare wave of immense power. Such forces, after a vast journey, create a diverse natural beauty. Our philosophy mirrors the riders of these waves: patiently waiting for opportunities, understanding the contours of each current and practicing the craft with vigilance.

The winery is a partnership between Anne Fogerty (day-to-day winemaker at Rivers Marier and Thomas Rivers Brown's wines ) and Camille Gaio (day-to-day winemaker at Julien Fayard's team).

## **WINE STATS:**

Clones: N/A

Aging: 11 mo. in French oak (25% new)

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Production:** 155 cases

