

2021 | PINOT NOIR, PERLI VINEYARD MENDOCINO RIDGE



JOURNEYMAN WINERY

In 1896, my great-grandfather, an immigrant from Italy, purchased a young vineyard for 10 gold coins he earned working as a cook in California's gold mines. With its fog, cobbled hillsides and proximity to the ocean, this special place reminded him of his hometown in Italy, San Lorenzo. At the same time, my paternal grandfather, already a winemaker in California, founded Seghesio Family Vineyards and Winery. Eventually, my parents would meet over a grape purchase at the San Lorenzo Vineyard.

Today, it is my privilege to steward the San Lorenzo Planting, and honor the iconic 130-year-old vineyard that has helped shaped my life. Humbled by our family's rich history in and deep love of the California wine industry, I began Journeyman in 2008 with my wife and sons to share with them a craft that has sustained our family for generations. Our small winery produces approximately 1500 cases annually. Those wines are grown at San Lorenzo and by grape growers I have worked with in my 35 year career who produce extraordinary grapes.

THE VINTAGE

2021 was a gift...after several stressful vintages, this one felt like a big hug from Mother Nature.

A perfect growing season allowed for morphological, uniform ripening, and beautiful flavors while the affects of the continued drought produced smaller, more intensely flavored berries.

Salute! Pete Seghesio

THE WINE

Our Journeyman "Perli Vineyard" Pinot Noir is grown by Steve Alden high atop the Mendocino Ridge. We have visited this ranch for over 25 years with our friends mushroom hunting for porcini, Pete even nudged Steve to plant Pinot here rather than zinfandel. Majestic redwood trees top the ridges here and in the distance is the foggy Mendocino Coast. Steve calls it growing grapes in the wild. And thus, this full bodied wine exhibits flavors of red cherry, black tea, cedar and roses. The Francios Freres oak provides a vibrant, strong structure.

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir,
Clone 777 & Old Martini Clone

VINEYARD SOURCING

The Perli Vineyard, Mendocino Ridge
Appellation Farmed by Steve Alden

FERMENTATION

Long cold Stainless fermentation: Cold
Soak 5 days, 5% saignee'

AGING

12 months Francois Freres French Oak

BOTTLED

Bottled unfined & Unfiltered.
140 cases produced

WINEMAKER: Pete Seghesio

