

2021 PINOT NOIR ZIO TONY, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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.

THE WINE

Our Journeyman Pinot Noir Zio Tony Vineyard is farmed by our good friend George Martinelli. The iconic vineyard has been in their family for generations. We purchase Chardonnay from the same vineyard but just a month prior to harvest 2021, a grower pulled out of his Pinot Noir contract and George asked us if we knew someone who might want it....EASY...YES...US! The price was steep but we decided to wait until we hosted George and his wife front row at a Kenny Chesney concert before negotiating....and that is sometimes how one gets Pinot from the Zio Tony Vineyard!

A gorgeous classic Russian River Pinot with red and black cherry flavors, currant and sweet leather. The Francios Freres French oak provides a vibrant, strong structure.



VINEYARD SOURCING:

The Zio Tony Vineyard, Calera Clone

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION:

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CELLARING:

Francois Freres French Oak Barrels

WINEMAKER: Pete Seghesio

Bottled unfined & Unfiltered
140 cases produced

