SENSES WINES 2021 PINOT NOIR MCM88



VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage showcased the advantages of growing grapes on the coast in a drought year. Where some parts of the state were abnormally warm, the coast remained moderate and stable, allowing for winemaking-through-farming. We were able to carefully manage tonnage and let the fruit hang precisely as long as we wished, developing full phenolic ripeness while still preserving the acidic quality that is so characteristic of the coast. Of course, drought means less water, but the lack of severe heat days on the coast meant the vines, though water-stressed, were not overly so. Overall, look forward to a banner year for Pinot and Chardonnay, with wines that will be bright, concentrated, and age-worthy.

Name

MCM stands for Max, Chris and Myles and doubles for the roman numerals of 1900, which when added to '88 marks their birth year of 1988. Named appropriately for an exuberant single vineyard Pinot noir from the famed vineyard formerly known as Keefer Ranch.

WINE

"The Senses 2021 MCM88 Pinot Noir is medium to deep ruby-purple in color. After a swirl or two, the nose explodes with alluring notes of cherry pie, blackberry preserves, wild blueberries, and chocolate mint, followed by an undercurrent of wet slate and star anise. Full-bodied, the decadently opulent palate delivers a velvety texture and fabulous tension to support the generous black and blue fruit layers, finishing long with a minty kick." - 95pts, Lisa Perotti-Brown MW

Appellation: Russian River Valley Varietal: 100% pinot noir

ALCOHOL: 14.6% | RELEASE PRICE: \$105 AGING: 100% FRENCH OAK; 35% NEW; 10 MTHS