



## 2022 Lula Vineyard Pinot Noir

### Winemaker Notes:

We are proud to present this limited Lula Vineyard bottling, showcasing the very best of our Estate. Selected from our top vineyard blocks and French oak coopers, the 2021 is a blend of the Pinot Noir clones Dijon 115 and 777 and Pommard with a splash of our Rescue Block. Vibrant dark cherry aromas give way to a plush, textured palate that finishes with gentle oak nuances and a long, seamless finish. Enjoy though 2030.

### Vineyard:

The Lula Vineyard is located in the Anderson Valley's "Deep End", between the towns of Philo and Navarro on Highway 128. Established over the last decade, the Lula Vineyard is the perfect setting for producing elegant varietal Pinot Noir. The nearby Pacific Ocean plays an important role in moderating daytime temperatures and cooling the nights, ensuring vibrant aromas, intense flavors, balanced acidity, and restrained alcohol. The clay alluvial soils (ShingleMill and BlackLock series) produce graceful silky tannins and a rich full palate. The wine is a blend of Pommard, 777, and 115 clones with a tiny percentage of the Rescue Block. The vines are managed meticulously to promote vine health and balance and yields are kept low to ensure the resulting wine is the very best.

### 2022 Harvest:

The 2022 vintage had high climate variability beginning with a cool and mild spring followed by a warm summer that led to an early harvest. Grape quality was exceptional with balanced acidity and freshness, resulting in vibrant fruit-forward wines.

### Winemaking:

The grapes were hand harvested at night to ensure delicate handling and vibrant fruit flavors. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were gently sorted, partially destemmed to net around 10% whole bunch and then transferred to open top fermenter. After 2 days of cold soak at 50°F the grapes were inoculated and fermentation kicked off. Throughout fermentation the grapes were hand plunged to extract all of the richness of the grapes. Upon completion of the fermentation, the finished wine was left to macerate for another couple of weeks with the grape skins to build mouth feel and complexity. The finished wine was then gently basket pressed to 3-year seasoned fine-grained new and used French oak barrels where the wine spent the next 10 months. Prior to bottling the wine was lightly fined and filtered.

<b>Cases produced:</b>	250	<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.0 %
<b>Bottling date:</b>	June 2023	<b>Titrateable Acidity:</b>	6.2 g/L
<b>Suggested retail:</b>	\$65	<b>PH</b>	3.5

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### About Lula Cellars:

*Lula Cellars is a boutique winery located in the revered "Deep End" of the Anderson Valley, whose handcrafted wines attract the highest awards and devoted fans alike. Driven by a passion for the Anderson Valley and the Lula vineyard, Matt Parish assumed winemaking direction with the 2017 harvest. A highly regarded International winemaker, Matt leverages more than two decades of experience to create the perfect portfolio for Lula. While focused on deliciously complex Pinot Noirs, the portfolio includes beautifully balanced Whites, delicate Rosés, and elegant full-bodied Reds.*

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