



2021 PINOT NOIR 'ROSSO CORSA' – *Estate Grown, Edna Valley*



'ROSSO CORSA' is the most singular Pinot Noir produced on the Center of Effort Estate, showing intense savory aromas and a velvety palate feel. After hand-harvest, intact Pinot Noir clusters are layered into the fermentor without destemming, and blanketed with inert gas for 5-10 days, protecting the fruit from oxidation until the native yeast take hold and begin an active fermentation, in a tradition borrowed from some of the great wines of Burgundy.

Not every vintage gives us the conditions for whole-cluster wines which can rise to the level of complexity and cohesion that allows for a compelling stand-alone bottling. 2021 presented just the right conditions to produce an exceptional wine - as we release this vintage, we are confident that this is one of the finest examples of 'ROSSO CORSA' ever bottled.

'ROSSO CORSA' is named for the 'Racing Red' in which Ferrari liveries their famous autos. It shows a savory, aromatic wildness coupled with an elegant and classic build, and layers of interest and depth which will intrigue the true Pinot Noir fan.

- 100% Pinot Noir Estate Grown
- Block 152 (planted 1997) Clone 23 Mariafeld
- Harvested October 14 & 18
- 24.2 average Brix
- 100% whole-cluster fermentation by native yeast.
- 19 months in neutral French oak barrels

pH: 3.39
TA: 6.7 g/l
Alc: 14.5%
Cases: 202 cases
(6x750ml)

Mid-dense, pomegranate red color. Cherry pit and bergamot aromatics, with struck flint, red plum and rose petal. Texture of stone, bramble, and sandalwood. Exceptionally long on the palate, with a tension between fruit and savory tones.

Pair with braised meats, game, or a warm salad of lightly grilled endive with shaved Pecorino.