



BISHOP PINE

VINEYARDS

MERLOT

2022 CALIFORNIA

THE CALIFORNIA BISHOP PINE

Bishop Pine (*Pinus muricata*) is a pine tree native to California's coastal regions, where our family's vineyards and San Martin winery are located. Bishop Pine trees are resilient and able to grow in arid conditions and dry rocky soil.

VINEYARDS

The same coastal climate that nurtures the native California Bishop Pine creates ideal conditions for vineyards to flourish, producing richly flavorful grapes. Our sunny, temperate climate allows grapes to reach full ripeness while preserving layered complexity. Our winemaking team, led by Christophe "Cris" Legrandjacques, selects grapes from vineyards across the state's growing regions that best exemplify classic California Merlot varietal grape flavors.

WINEMAKING

After the grapes were harvested, the juice was fermented in stainless steel to preserve fresh fruit aromas and flavors. The wine was aged 12 months with mostly neutral French oak, though there were touches of new French and neutral American oak used on certain lots. After aging, a small percentage of Petite Sirach was blended in to enhance color and structure. The final blend was gently filtered prior to bottling.

Alc. by Vol. 13.8 %, TA 6.0%, pH 3 .70

TASTING NOTES

Mocha and blueberry pie in the aroma; with a rich palate of raspberry jam and blackberries. Plush tannins finish with a touch of toffee and dark cocoa.

PAIRINGS

This wine pairs with a wide range of dishes. Try it with blue cheese stuffed mushrooms, grilled pork chops, or beef stew.

