

RUSSELL JOYCE  
GAMAY NOIR  
2021

## TECHNICAL DATA

<b>APPELLATION</b>	SAN BENITO		
<b>VINEYARD</b>	TEAUGE VINEYARD		
<b>BRIX</b>	21.5	<b>PH</b>	3.63
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	12 %		
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	300 cases ( 12x750ML )		
<b>UPC</b>	8 95627 00229 8		



## PLACE

The fruit for this Gamay Noir comes from an old vineyard located in San Benito, California. This site is slightly more exposed than other vineyards from where we source, allowing a greater marine influence from the Monterey Bay to gain access to the vines. The soils consist of high calcareous clay over mica schist substrate. Organic farming practices and low yields allow this true Gamay to show not only the bright red fruit for which this varietal is known for, but also a crunchy mineral component created in part by the soils in which it resides.

## WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested, 100% whole clusters placed directly into a sealed temperature controlled tank and blanketed with CO2 .
- Fermentation began naturally and lasted 14 days.
- Fermented grapes were gravity fed into press for gentle juice extraction.
- Rested on lees 4 months in large format neutral French oak barrels.
- 15ppm free SO2 was added only prior to bottling in order to preserve freshness.

**AROMA** *Overripe Strawberry, Himalayan Salt, Marjoram*

**PALATE** *Lime, Tangerine, Tart Raspberry, White Pepper, Flint*

*This modern classic is rooted in the style of Gamay from Cru Beaujolais so it's no wonder that our Gamay has become so coveted..Exceptional fruit from 100+ year old vines in San Benito, this new world gem has begun to overshadow Cru Beaujolais in parts of Europe. Made in the traditional way, partial whole cluster fruit goes through carbonic maceration before aging in large oak barrels, developing elegance and finesse.*