



2019 Anderson Valley Les Larmes Pinot Noir

History and Philosophy

Littorai Wines is a small, family-owned and operated winery producing vineyard designated Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the true north coast of California: the coastal mountains of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Proprietors Heidi and Ted Lemon are lifelong Winemakers. Ted Lemon began his career at the age of 22 by working for four years in the heart of Burgundy and in 1982, was the first American hired to manage a property in Burgundy at Domaine Guy Roulot in Meursault. Where some see technology as the route to great wines, we see farming. We derive our sustainable farming techniques from the fertile cross currents of permaculture, agro-ecology and biodynamics. Our winery is situated on a 30 acre integrated biodynamic farm where we produce as many of the vineyard and farm needs on site as possible. Our Estate produced compost is our “fertilizer” of choice.

Expressed in acreage terms, beginning in 2017:

- 100% of Littorai’s vineyard sources is farmed using only organically certified materials
- 85% is farmed using biodynamic methods (all sites we own or lease and most others)
- 49% is estate production

The goal of winegrowing is to produce the finest wine, and that such wine should be a product of the vineyard, not the cellar.

Vineyard Information

Beginning with the 2017 vintage the sources for our Les Larmes Anderson Valley regional blend are all exceptional sites worthy of vineyard designation in their own right. 25% of the final blend comes from declassified vineyard designate lots: Savoy, Cerise, One Acre, Roman and Wendling Vineyard. 15% is press wine from these same sources. 35% is from a separate block at Wendling which is dedicated to this bottling and 25% comes from our newly acquired estate vineyard in the hills above Boonville where the One Acre parcel lies.

Regional Blend Information

Our regional Anderson Valley Les Larmes is intended for consumption in the first few years after bottling. While it can, and often does, improve in the bottle, it is not intended for long term aging and we encourage you to enjoy it while young. While it will improve in the months after release, it provides real pleasure immediately.

Tasting Notes

Blackberry, black licorice, red apple and candied aromatic notes with hints of forest floor. There is more density here than in the Sonoma Coast bottling, more power, more tannin concentration, and an umami note as well. We love the contrast between these two bottlings in 2019. We do not see one as better than the other, they simply have different profiles. The Les Larmes will pair better with heartier, more savory fare and will improve greatly over the next few years.

APPELLATION

Anderson Valley

FARMING

Farmed using organic materials and biodynamic methods, not certified

BARREL AGEING

10 months French Oak,
15% new

PRODUCTION

1210 cases

ALCOHOL

12.0% abv

