



## 2020 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

The sources for our Les Larmes Anderson Valley regional blend are all exceptional sites worthy of vineyard designation in their own right. 40% of the final blend comes from declassified vineyard designate lots: Savoy, Cerise, One Acre, Roman and Wendling Vineyards. This is an unusually high percentage and a reflection of the severe selection process we applied to the 2020 vineyard designated pinot noir wines. 31% is press wine from these same sources. 17% is from a separate block at Wendling which is dedicated to this bottling and 12% comes from our Deer Meadows 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, wit provides real pleasure immediately.

### Tasting Notes

Fresh red fruit and floral notes define the nose. Cinnamon, violets, graphite, and an underlying earthiness in the aromas. Very silky, seductive palate with gentle tannins. There is an understated elegance to this wine and those who struggle to cellar wines will find this a joy from day one.

#### APPELLATION

Anderson Valley

#### FARMING

Farmed using organic materials and biodynamic methods, not certified

#### BARREL AGEING

10 months French Oak,  
15% new

#### PRODUCTION

1367 cases

#### ALCOHOL

12.4% abv

