



**KINGSTON**  
FAMILY  
VINEYARDS  
CASABLANCA CHILE

# TASTING NOTES



## 2020 ALAZAN PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
PRODUCTION	480 cases
ALCOHOL	12.5%
RELEASE DATE	September 2021
AGING	French Oak Concrete Egg Vat
MONTHS IN OAK	12 Months
RATING	95 pts, La Cav

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

2020 brought a year of unprecedented challenges across the globe. Making good wine relies on planning and precision, two luxuries that we were not afforded in a time of such uncertainty. However, a bit of serendipity allowed us to move forward with wine production even as the world shut down, and we ended up with an assortment of vintages as varied and complex as the year itself.

In a spot of good fortune, 2020's unexpectedly warm climate resulted in an early harvest: all of our grapes were in the winery by March 23rd, just about a week after the reality of the pandemic came to a head across the globe. Then, the agricultural exemption we received from the government allowed us to continue wine making operations even while the country was under strict lockdowns. Those employees who were allowed to travel to the winery from their homes were warriors in seeing the wine making process to completion.

The Pinot Noir varietal does best when grown in a cool climate, so the unusually warm 2020 harvest posed a potential challenge to the success of that year's Alazan. Luckily, the orientation of our vineyard in the coolest part of the valley, with the strong maritime influence of the nearby Pacific Ocean, paved the way for a vintage as balanced and elegant as in past years.

Essences of strawberries and blueberries in the nose complement spices and earthy notes on the palate, and a bright acidity is maintained throughout. Enjoy with peppered venison or medium rare quail.

While wines from warmer years tend to evolve a bit faster, these vintages should have life in the bottle for at least a decade into the future.