

SHANNON FAMILY STEELE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR 2020/\$9.99



DESCRIPTION

Clay Shannon has always been a bit of a maverick. In 1996, he decided to buck convention and set out on his own to establish a progressive, pioneering winery and ranch in Lake County, California.

This wild, challenging terrain captured Shannon's imagination and inspired his uncompromising commitment to the land itself. *"We wanted to grow the best fruit possible,"* says Clay, *"but we wanted to do it in a way that made us happy living there."*

Today, Shannon Family of Wines includes over 2,000 acres of mountain property, roughly half of which is under vine. With the earth's climate under threat, we're using our resources to do something about it. This includes transforming 1,000 acres into a regenerative organic farming system that greatly reduces environmental impact. Our home is situated on the ridges of ancient volcanic soil at higher elevations. And while conditions may seem extreme, the guest experience is extraordinary. Rustic charm, stunning lake views, and abundant wildlife underscore the western spirit still alive in Clear Lake. Visitors enjoy award-winning wines, a range of varietals, and great value, all crafted with an approach that puts earth first. At Shannon Family of Wines, we're true to ourselves and to the land.

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They have worked with Pinot Noir from Sangiacomo since their first vintage in 1991. Each year they choose the best lots and produce a single vineyard bottling in exceptional years.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

This blend is a beautiful and consistent expression of Pinot Noir: medium color and the pronounced aroma of Bing cherries and raspberries.

Palate:

Flavors of cherries, dried figs, and cocoa combined with a silky, smooth structure, slight earthiness and mild tannin create perfect balance and a delicious, lingering finish.

Pairing:

Pair with a variety of dishes, such as cherry glazed duck breast, leek & pecorino pizza, roasted mushroom and feta tart, or fig and paté bruschetta. This Pinot pairs nicely with a wide variety of cheeses. Try with a creamy Blue, a mature Gouda, or a nice Gruyere.

Winery Website: [Our Story - Shannon Family of Wines](#)

Fun Facts

Generous oak spices—cinnamon, vanilla and cedar—give some attractive complexity to this warm and ripe-tasting wine. A full body, light tannins and rich mouthfeel make it soothing to sip. **—Wine Enthusiast 90 Points**

Lake County A.V.A., California

