



2021 Center of Effort Edna Valley Pinot Noir, USA

TRADE OFFER

\$15

per bottle

12-bottle case \$180 · Winery SRP \$40 · One-case minimum

TOP SELLING POINTS

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Estate Pinot from a 1978 vineyard.

A 50-acre site among the valley's oldest plantings. This 2021 is 100 percent Pinot Noir: 63 percent heritage selections, 37 percent Dijon, 7 percent whole cluster. Nineteen months, 49 percent new French oak. Jeb Dunnuck: they specialize in Pinot Noir, moderate whole cluster, mostly French oak.

PRESS

95 Wine Enthusiast

NATHAN CARLSON

Tolosa · Center of Effort · Edna Valley Pinot

Nathan Carlson came up through Tolosa before taking the chair at Center of Effort. Kevin Bargetto works the cellar with him. The house specializes in Pinot Noir from estate fruit in Edna Valley. Bill Swanson founded the winery after a career at Raytheon. He has said winemaking is like building an aircraft: process, precision, and no shortcuts. The vineyard was first planted in 1978. This 2021 is the entry estate Pinot, labeled EFFORT. Wine Enthusiast scored it 95. It is not a sweet commercial Pinot. It is snappy red fruit over loamy earth.

2021 IN THE GLASS

Wine Enthusiast: clean and fresh aromas of raspberry and pomegranate with loamy earth and wild mint. Snappy red fruit, light-herb flavors, long-lasting texture. Ripe raspberry on the nose, brambly berries across the palate, savory grip, vibrant acidity. Not a sweet commercial Pinot. Serve a little cool.

100% Pinot Noir · 63% heritage selections, 37% Dijon · 7% whole cluster · 19 months, 49% new French oak · 14.5% ABV

PAIRING AND SERVICE

Cedar-plank or crispy-skin salmon · Mushroom risotto with thyme · A Tuesday duck that does not need a heavy red

Serve cool, around 55 to 58 F, in a Burgundy stem. No long decant. The mint and earth show on the second glass.

WINE-SEARCHER MARKET

Score 95 Low \$24.35 Average \$40.58 High \$59.52

Checked 2026-09-14 · U.S. bottle listings · Buying context, not a required resale



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Put EFFORT Pinot on the list.

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