

SONOMA-CUTRER®



Russian River Valley

VINTAGE 2023 · SONOMA COUNTY · PINOT NOIR

The Russian River Valley Pinot Noir elegantly conveys its sense of place. Superbly structured, it showcases an exquisite array of cranberries and cherry cola, complemented by savory spices and a hint of black tea.

VINTAGE OBSERVATIONS

The 2023 harvest for Sonoma-Cutrer, starting later than usual, and benefited from record winter rains that revitalized the soils and promoted healthy vine growth. Cooler spring and summer temperatures allowed for gradual grape development and extended ripening, ensuring optimal maturity. As October brought warm, dry weather, the grapes reached perfect ripeness. This combination of ample water, cool growing conditions, and a warm finish resulted in a 2023 vintage with exceptional balance, complexity, and depth of flavor.

VINEYARD SOURCING

Our Owsley and Vine Hill vineyards in the Russian River Valley provided the Pinot Noir for this vintage. The Owsley ranch's dramatic temperature shifts from warm days to cool, foggy nights yield grapes with concentrated, complex flavors. Vine Hill's elevation changes of over 400 feet allow each ridge, slope, and valley to impart unique characteristics to the grapes. Combined with diverse soils, clones, high-density spacing, and rootstocks that limit excessive growth, the Owsley and Vine Hill vineyards produce a stunning array of elegant fruit.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Grapes were hand-picked early each morning into small bins, then hand-sorted and gently destemmed. The wine underwent a four-day cold soak followed by eight to twelve days of fermentation, with hand punch-downs in small, open-top fermenters. After fermentation, it was gently basket pressed and racked into barrels, where it aged for 11 months before the final blend was assembled and bottled. The wine was then aged for an additional six months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

Cranberry and wild strawberry aromas mingle with savory spice, bramble, and black tea. The palate is bright and juicy, with fine tannins, fresh berries, forest floor, and herbal notes. Balanced acidity and spice lead to a refined, medium finish true to the Russian River Valley. River Valley.

COMPOSITION: 100% PINOT NOIR

VINEYARDS: VINE HILL, OWSLEY

FERMENTATION: 100% TANK

BARREL AGING: AGED FOR 10 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK, 33% NEW,

ALCOHOL: 14.2% · **TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.0 G/L · **PH:** 3.50



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