



MERRY EDWARDS
• WINERY AND VINEYARDS •
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2023 COOPERSMITH PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley



HISTORY

Merry Edwards Winery was founded in 1997 and produces terroir-driven, single-vineyard Pinot Noirs, as well as Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, from 80 acres of estate vineyards in the Russian River Valley and Anderson Valley.

The 6-acre Coopersmith Vineyard is our winery's home ranch and sits on the rolling Laguna Ridge near the town of Sebastopol, just west of the wintertime lake known as the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Merry Edwards and her husband, Ken Coopersmith, purchased this 9.5-acre apple orchard in 1999. They planted this Russian River vineyard to Pinot Noir in the summer of 2001. It is currently planted to 100 percent of the highly successful UCD37 Pinot Noir clone (Merry's clone).

WINEMAKING

Grapes for this bottling were harvested on Sept. 29, 2023. The Pinot Noir grapes were handpicked and hand sorted in the field and at the winery. Berries were 100% de-stemmed, with whole berries placed in the fermenter. The fruit was cold soaked for six days, and it was aged eight months in 35% new French oak barrels. Bottling was done on Aug. 6, 2024.

HARVEST NOTES

After many years of drought, we welcomed a full dose of rain in 2023. The rains lasted throughout the spring, providing the vines with plenty of moisture to grow a healthy canopy and full crop load. It also helped to moderate temperatures, keeping frost at bay. The summer was very typical for the Russian River Valley, with cool nights and coastal fog that came in every evening, barely burning off by noon.

The growing season's cooler temperatures led to a delayed and prolonged harvest, so patience was key. The resulting wines are elegant, with mouthwatering acidity and focused aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2023 vintage of Coopersmith greets us with notes of raspberry sorbet, chocolate-covered cherry, dark cocoa, and blueberry. Upon entry, the wine builds and broadens on the palate, offering up sweet fruit and a creamy texture. The focused finish features an espresso edge with a dusting of cocoa.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

CLONE

UCD37

CASES PRODUCED

340

AGING

8 months in 35% new French oak

RELEASE DATE

March 2025

TA

5.76 g/L

pH

3.51

ALCOHOL

14.5%
