



MERRY EDWARDS
• WINERY AND VINEYARDS •
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2023 GEORGANNE 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.

Our Georganne estate vineyard, at the home of Georganne and Bob Proctor in a far northern section of the Russian River Valley, was planted in 2006 to Merry Edwards' UCD37 clone of Pinot Noir. In the nearly 20 years we have been farming this site, the wines consistently have shown deep color and generous dark fruit, with a distinctive floral aroma and bold tannins.

WINEMAKING

Grapes for this bottling were harvested on Sept. 8, 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 nine months in 25% 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

The 2023 vintage of Georganne Pinot Noir features a rich, ripe profile, with notes of chocolate-covered cherry, wood spice, rhubarb, and black and red berries. The entry presents a luscious mouthfeel accompanied on the palate by notes of plum and cocoa leading to a persistent finish. Well-developed tannic structure signals a long life ahead for this beautiful bottling.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

CLONE

UCD37

CASES PRODUCED

365

AGING

9 months in 25% new French oak

RELEASE DATE

March 2025

TA

5.71 g/L

pH

3.57

ALCOHOL

14.5%
