



MERRY EDWARDS
• WINERY AND VINEYARDS •
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2023 OLIVET LANE 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.

Located on western benchland of the Santa Rosa Plain, Olivet Lane produces grapes coveted by the finest winemakers in Sonoma County. This heritage property is one of the oldest existing vineyards in the appellation and has been recognized as a prime example of the classic style of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. In 1973, the Pellegrini family purchased 65 acres of apple, prune and olive orchards on West Olivet Lane. In 1975, they planted Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, developing one of the first vineyards in the region devoted exclusively to these two varieties.

WINEMAKING

Grapes for this bottling were harvested on Oct. 12, 2023. The Pinot Noir grapes were handpicked and hand sorted in the field and at the winery. Berries were 84% de-stemmed, with 16% whole clusters placed in the fermenter. The fruit was cold soaked for six days, and it was aged eight months in 69% 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 Olivet Lane Pinot Noir shows a distinctively earthy, opulent nose, with aromatics of sweet dried fig, vanilla fudge, Rainier cherry, and toasted almonds. The generous entry introduces bold tannins balanced on the palate by bright acidity.

APPELLATION

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VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

CLONE

Martini

CASES PRODUCED

790

AGING

8 months in 69% new French oak

RELEASE DATE

March 2025

TA

5.74 g/L

pH

3.59

ALCOHOL

14.5%
