



MERRY EDWARDS
• WINERY AND VINEYARDS •
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2023 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley



HISTORY

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

While many of our wines showcase a single vineyard, our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a carefully crafted blend, designed to highlight the best characteristics of the region. Four different clones grown in a variety of vineyards were individually fermented to produce the distinctive lots chosen for this wine.

WINEMAKING

Grapes for this bottling were harvested from Sept. 8 to Oct. 5, 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 five days, and it was aged nine months in 37% new French oak barrels. Bottling was done on Aug. 12, 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 nose on this vintage features an undercurrent of sweetness, with hints of root beer and cherry cola, along with ripe cherries, caramel, and floral and forest notes. The full-forward palate, with an elegant entry, offers pine and sweet red fruit, with dried cocoa throughout the extended finish.

APPELLATION

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VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

CLONES

UCD37, 115, 667, Windsor Gardens

CASES PRODUCED

6,640

AGING

9 months in 37% new French oak

RELEASE DATE

March 2025

TA

5.62 g/L

pH

3.54

ALCOHOL

14.5%
