



MERRY EDWARDS  
• WINERY AND VINEYARDS •  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## 2023 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

Sonoma Coast



### HISTORY

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

Our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a textbook example of the fine wines that come from grapes grown near our coastal boundaries. Cooling fog and our proximity to the Pacific Ocean allow fruit to ripen slowly and evenly. From a blend of clones, this graceful wine presents a floral, fruity profile with contrasting earthy undertones.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes for this bottling were harvested from Sept. 23 to Oct. 3, 2023. The Pinot Noir was handpicked and hand sorted in the field and at the winery. Berries were 100% destemmed, with whole berries placed in the fermenter. The fruit was cold soaked for seven days prior to initiating fermentation. After fermentation finished, the grapes were gently pressed and the resulting wine was aged nine months in 28% new French oak barrels. Bottling was done on Aug. 13, 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 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir opens with gentle aromas of cedar, vanilla and Bing cherry that are followed by floral notes of freesia and violets. Spicy white pepper and bramble precede the silky entry. The palate is mouthwatering and structured, with uplifting flavors of Rainier cherry pie, blood orange zest and wild strawberries. The finish is marked by pleasant, lingering citrus notes.

#### APPELLATION

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#### CASES PRODUCED

1,750

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5.84 g/L

#### VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

#### AGING

9 months in 28% new French oak

#### pH

3.49

#### CLONES

UCD37, 667, 777, heritage,  
Pommard, Windsor Gardens

#### RELEASE DATE

Sept. 1, 2026

#### ALCOHOL

14.5%