



MERRY EDWARDS
• WINERY AND VINEYARDS •
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2022 25TH ANNIVERSARY PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley



HISTORY

In 1997, Merry Edwards launched her namesake brand after years of making wine for others. Her perseverance led to a renowned winery and stellar collection of vineyards, and this special Pinot Noir, grown during our 25th vintage in 2022, pays homage to her success.

Crafted by current winemaker Heidi von der Mehden, Merry Edwards' successor who worked alongside Merry for five vintages, this wine is a selection from our most prized Russian River Valley vineyards, which resulted in a classic Merry Edwards bottling of great power and elegance.

WINEMAKING

Grapes for this bottling came from multiple vineyard, including: Meredith Estate, Richaven, Coopersmith, Olivet Lane and Warrens' Hill. The fruit was harvested from Aug. 26 to Sept. 15, 2022. The Pinot Noir was handpicked and hand sorted in the field and at the winery. Berries were 2% whole cluster and 98% destemmed, with whole berries placed in the fermenter. The fruit was cold soaked for 11 days prior to initiating fermentation. After fermentation finished, the grapes were gently pressed and the resulting wine was aged 10 months in 59% new French oak barrels. Bottling was done on Aug. 4, 2023.

HARVEST NOTES

Sunny days early in the 2022 growing season in Sonoma County led to an early budbreak that began in February. A cold, hard frost that followed threatened the young buds, but proper frost protection limited the damage. The remainder of the spring and summer were quite mild, allowing for steady development and ripening. Harvest began early because of the early budbreak. Warm days in the second half of August and into September allowed the grapes to fully ripen. Yields were lighter than average. Fruit quality was stellar, with smaller berry and cluster sizes, leading to concentrated and flavorful wines.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is filled with fresh berries, blood orange, sarsaparilla and charcuterie notes. On the palate, elegant tannins make room for nuanced hints of rhubarb and citrus peel that lead into a finish filled with energy and bursting with berries.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

CLONE

UCD37, 115, 667, Martini,
Windsor Gardens

CASES PRODUCED

275

AGING

10 months in 59% new French oak

RELEASE DATE

Sept. 1, 2024

TA

6.14 g/L

pH

3.62

ALCOHOL

14.5%
