



MERRY EDWARDS
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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2023 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley



HISTORY

We are delighted to present our Reserve Pinot Noir, a special wine that represents a singular moment in time. It is designed to help us achieve new heights of quality by blending the best wines of the vintage into a single bottling, creating something truly unique. Winemaker Heidi von der Mehden tells us that some vintages are so exceptional that they demand something special, and 2023 was such a year. It was the coolest vintage in decades, giving us ideal conditions to achieve full ripeness in the vineyard, leading to balanced wines with finesse. This stunning Pinot Noir captures the elegance and depth such a cool vintage brings.

WINEMAKING

Grapes for this bottling came from multiple vineyards, including: Meredith Estate, Richaven, Coopersmith, Olivet Lane and Warrens' Hill. The fruit was harvested from Sept. 27 to Oct. 17, 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 eight days prior to initiating fermentation. After fermentation finished, the grapes were gently pressed and the resulting wine was aged 10 months in 30% new French oak barrels. Bottling was done on Aug. 14, 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, the lowest in decades, 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 bold, earthy Pinot Noir is dense with essences of forest floor, dark chocolate ganache, ripe blueberries, cherries and plums. The smooth, silky entry is expressive, resonating with notes of black tea, sweet red and black fruits, and saffras. The finish is long, with spicy tannins lingering at the end.

APPELLATION

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VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

CLONES

UCD37, 667, Martini,
Windsor Gardens

CASES PRODUCED

325

AGING

10 months in 30% new French oak

RELEASE DATE

Sept. 1, 2025

TA

6.11 g/L

pH

3.50

ALCOHOL

14.5%
