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2023 PINOT NOIR *River Road Grape Farm*

APPELLATION Russian River Valley/Sonoma Coast

HARVEST DATE October 3rd, 2023

pH 3.71

TA 4.77

ABV 13.5%

BARREL REGIME Aged in French Oak barrels from One Doreau
Le Clos Medium long toast, one Atelier Troncais Medium toast

CASES PRODUCED 98

RELEASE DATE March 2025

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 vintage saw the end of the severe drought that started in 2021. Abundant winter rains continued through the spring and into June. The very cold and wet spring meant a late start for budbreak, delayed flowering and fruit set, and, ultimately, a late harvest. Our last fruit came in November 1st!

When we purchased the River Road Grape Farm in 2017 there was one older block of Pinot Noir. We planted 3 additional acres in 2018. We have worked diligently to learn more about this site and to improve the farming and the wine quality. This is our first vineyard designated Pinot Noir from RRGF and we are really happy with it.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2023 River Road Grape Farm Pinot Noir offers a nose of Cherry Blossom, and Red Licorice. The palate has red fruit notes of bright Bing Cherry and Juniper Berry. Our Gap's View vineyard makes a wine that is structured and layered and reminds me of a topflight wine from the Cote de Nuit. RRGF by contrast is an elegant wine with pretty red fruits and very supple tannins. It reminds me of Volnay. We aged our 2023 RRGF Pinot Noir in a combination of Doreau and Atelier barrels.

I source all of our Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast AVA. We own and farm Gap's View and River Road Grape Farm. Our third vineyard source for Pinot Noir is the famous Ritchie Vineyard. We start with great fruit from top Sonoma Coast sites and then strive to deliver the wine that each vineyard wanted to make that year. We are not telling the wine what to be. We are listening.

