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2023 PINOT NOIR *Sonoma Coast*

APPELLATION Sonoma Coast

HARVEST DATE October 9, 2023

pH 3.50

TA 5.8

ABV 13.5%

CASES PRODUCED 250

BARREL REGIMEN Aged in cooperage from Millard, Atelier and Doreaux medium toast barrels. 38% new oak.

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!

We sourced our 2023 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir from our Gap's View Vineyard and from our River Road Grape Farm. I own both vineyards through my Russian River Partners investment group and I manage the farming at both sites. My focus is first on the vineyard site, second on the farming practices, and third on the winemaking.

TASTING NOTES

This color on this wine is a beautiful, rich, translucent ruby. In general, the 2023 Pinots have a richer color than the 2022 wines. The nose offers Cherry Blossom, Orange peel, and Spruce. On the palate there are notes of Bing Cherry, Cola, and Red Plum. This is a classic Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir with a lovely texture and balanced acidity. Even though we used 38% new barrels in the 2023 vintage the oak is very well integrated and is a subtle influence on the wine.

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