



BANSHEE

2023 BARLOW LANE PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Barlow Lane-Ana Veem Vineyard is a small 2.5 acre plot in a nice couple's backyard, just outside the tiny hamlet of Graton in the Russian River Valley AVA. The vineyard slopes down towards Atascadero Creek where cool air tends to pool from evening until late morning each day. The high-density vineyard is planted equally 50/50 Pommard and Swan clones on classic Goldridge soils.

2023 was a long vintage but overall was a good vintage. It had an extended growing season with a mild climate that made for a late harvest and required extended hang time to achieve full ripening of the fruit.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS

100% Barlow Vineyard, Russian River Valley

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on October 16 once the acidity and flavors reached the optimal ripeness. The grapes were sent to ferment in 2-3 ton open-top stainless-steel fermenters. After a 3-day cold soak, fermentation was initiated through the use of commercial yeast. Once fermentation commenced, gentle punch downs were performed twice daily. Mild temperatures were kept using only the heat generated from fermentation, with temperatures peaking at 81°F. The wine was pressed once there had been enough tannic extraction and dryness had been achieved. The Pinot Noir was then transferred into French oak barrels, 30% new, and aged for 16 months.

TASTING

The 2023 Barlow Lane Pinot Noir opens with black cherry and raspberry preserves, layered with subtle threads of vanilla, allspice, and a hint of leather. On the palate, the wine shows excellent balance between richness and finesse. A core of deep red fruit, cherry compote, strawberry reduction and ripe plum is framed by polished tannins and a graceful acid backbone. Nuanced notes of black tea, toasted baking spices, and just a whisper of earthy leather provide complexity and length, culminating in a smooth, persistent finish.

AGING 16 months in French oak, 30% new

ALCOHOL 14.2%

pH 3.54

TA 5.7 g/L

