

# EL PINO CLUB

El Pino Club is for Pinot fanatics: people like us who love this fickle, funky grape that flouts expectations and always surprises. Our curated, exceptional Pinots hail from the coastal corners of the world where this grape thrives. As individual cast members they are an ode to the lands and hands that produce them, and as an ensemble, they celebrate the full range and charm of this legendary varietal.

## THECUSP

The Cusp fully embraces the tension between Russian River fog and Sonoma sunshine. A proudly new-world Pinot, with a full, round body, packed with concentrated dark fruit, but beautifully balanced and unexpectedly complex.

### VINTAGE 2023

The 2023 vintage was an overall cooler growing season, with a wet winter and a heavy dusting of snow in late February. A cold spring coupled with a cooler than usual summer led to the latest harvest we have experienced in the past two decades. These growing conditions produced wines with a bright fruit profile, added complexity, and slightly lower alcohol levels. The youthful character of the 2023 vintage indicates that these wines have exceptional aging potential.

### VINEYARDS

The Trenton and Winner's Circle Vineyards are located in the Russian River Valley AVA of Sonoma County, and ideally situated to benefit from morning fog and afternoon sunshine. The grapes were hand-picked September 23 - October 16, 2023.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright and lifted on the nose, this Pinot Noir opens with an expressive bouquet of strawberry, fresh raspberry, and red cherry, with layered hints of mushroom, wet leaves, and a distinct forest floor character reminiscent of a damp coastal woodland. The palate mirrors the nose with a core of vibrant red berry fruit, cherry skin, raspberry coulis, and a whisper of cranberry balanced by a grounded savory undertone of damp earth, moss, and truffle mushroom. Silky tannins and fresh acidity carry the wine through the lingering terroir-driven finish.

### WINE

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Aged for 16 months in 100% French Oak barrels, 30% new

TA: 6.3 g/L | pH: 3.55 | Alcohol: 13.8%

