

Sonoma Coast

VINEYARDS



2023 PINOT NOIR

SALMON CREEK • SONOMA COAST

SONOMA COAST There are many rigorous challenges of growing fruit in this dramatically cold environment on the far western reaches of Sonoma County, but they are well worth the risk. We rise to the challenges of the Sonoma Coast to produce wines with fully ripened fruit at lower brix, mature flavors, and tannins, that are balanced by a high-acid profile.

All Sonoma Coast vineyards share similar traits beyond the cool, maritime-influenced climate, including thin, rocky, shallow soil composed of sand and clay with little organic material. The vineyards are sustainably farmed and planted utilizing high-density spacing to stress the vines and ensure development of concentrated flavors.

VINTAGE 2023 started off with a long rainy season and unusually cool spring and summer. The cooler weather delayed ripening and allowed the grapes extended hang-time, ultimately developing excellent flavor concentration.

WINEMAKING The fruit is picked at night then transferred to the winery where it is cold-settled for 2-5 days. The wine is pumped-over twice daily throughout fermentation, then drained, pressed, and transferred to French oak (40% new) for malolactic fermentation and 9 months of aging.

WINE This wine opens with a bouquet of raspberry, white flower, dried strawberry, pomegranate, and mushroom. The palate is full and rich with dense layers of dark fruit - plum, pomegranate, and cranberry.

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD Winner's Circle

CLONES Calera

AGING 9 months in French oak, 40% new

pH 3.56 | **TA** 5.9 g/L | **ALCOHOL** 14.2%

