



2023 Cohn Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Nestled in the hills high above Westside Road, this idyllic setting surrounded by redwood trees and oaks is a near perfect climate to make distinctive, ethereal Pinot Noir. Planted in 1970, it is one of the oldest Pinot Noir vineyards in the area. The wine is as stunning as the landscape with its rocky, iron rich soils with multiple exposures. Dark and brooding, notes of black cherry, five spice, and sous bois abound in the aromatics. Hints of citrus and sandalwood add intrigue. The flavors envelop the palate from start to finish with a complex array of fruit and earthiness simultaneously. Powerful and compelling, this wine has it all.

THE VINEYARD

Planted in 1970, this old-vine vineyard is a treasure in Sonoma County. Nestled in the hills and forest above Westside Road, Cohn Vineyard enjoys perfect exposure and drainage.

HARVEST 2023

We experienced a welcome sense of normality in 2023, after tumultuous weather patterns during previous growing seasons, including drought conditions, heat events, and hail. This vintage began auspiciously with historical average rainfall and modest temperatures at the start of bud break. Ample sunshine and early heat resulted in even growth of the canopies, creating uniformity and balance as the vines entered the flowering cycle. While it was similarly cool at the outset of 2011, the 2023 heat units built slowly, and the weather was ideal by May. The flowering period was quick, and the fruit set bountiful. The weather was perfect in June and July, with a few heat spikes that kept the plants healthy and sustained. Mid-season crop adjustments were necessary to ensure good vine balance as veraison approached. With the cooler start to the vintage and the normal fog pattern of August, the ripening cycle slowed, and the crop achieved ideal hang time for tannin development at modest sugars. Across the board, the wines exhibit terrific purity of character with excellent tannin resolution. While hot and dry years can create wines of shocking intensity, these cooler vintages showcase the elegant style of Williams Selyem.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 58% new, 42% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.54g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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