



2023 Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Singular and unique, the aroma of Rochioli Riverblock is unmistakable. A beautifully balanced wine with dark fruits interlaced with savory fresh herbs. Wines are reminiscent of places and Riverblock's situation on the bank of the Russian River, with the smell of wild fennel, underbrush, and tree bark, defines the aroma of the wine. Flavors of dark red fruits and plums are mixed with wood spices and earthy, resinous flavors. The extremely refined tannin structure is a conundrum as the wine harbors excellent structure but remains lithe and airy. Not to be missed.

THE VINEYARD

The Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard is located six miles southwest of the town of Healdsburg, banking the Russian River. Fog-cooled evenings and moderately warm daytime temperatures make the Russian River Valley region ideal for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

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: 68% new, 32% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.49

TA: 0.54g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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