

2022 KANZLER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Kanzler Vineyard is a more recent addition to the Arista portfolio. On paper, this vineyard has always had incredible potential: Here, 25-year-old vines grown atop coveted Goldridge soils are nurtured by Eric Neil, one of the Russian River Valley's organic viticulture gurus. After working with this site over the past few years, we now know that Kanzler and its wines more than live up to the hype.

The combination of the light, sandy Goldridge soils and decidedly cooler climate of this corner of the Russian River Valley yields an especially vibrant Pinot Noir. On the palate, the wine is packed with intensity yet so ethereal it's almost weightless, magically balancing a bouquet of violets and exotic spices with crushed wild berry and tart plum flavors. The 2022 Kanzler is arguably the most precise, crystalline, and exquisitely balanced of the Arista Pinots from the vintage. The purity here is exceptional, with vibrant red and blue fruit flavors lasting for a full minute on the finish.

Peak drinking window: 2025 through 2035.

VINEYARD NOTES

One of the first vineyards planted on the Western edge of Sonoma, the Kanzler Vineyard is a premier Russian River Valley site situated a mere eight miles from the Pacific Ocean. Since its inception 1996, the Pinot Noir planted on these 14 acres has showcased the potential of coastal Pinot Noir in California. The well-draining Goldridge soils that form the backbone of this site are perfect for Pinot Noir, which is notoriously finicky. Combined with cool, oceanic fog, the vines at Kanzler—primarily Dijon and Pommard clones—ripen slowly and gradually, yielding wines with incredible complexity and finesse.



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