



## 2022 MONONI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

*Russian River Valley*

### TASTING NOTES

The Mononi Vineyard is one of the original Russian River Valley sites that have been a part of Arista since its founding by Al and Janis McWilliams in 2002. Owner Paul Mononi grew up within a few hundred yards of this vineyard on Olivet Lane and has been a grape grower his entire life. Today this three-acre plot of Pinot Noir, which surrounds his home, is the culmination of a lifetime spent as a vigneron. We are honored to be the sole recipient of these grapes, and love how the Mononi site showcases Paul's devotion in the glass.

Planted in 1998, these mature vines produce a wine that is remarkably consistent across vintages. Situated in a warmer section of the Russian River Valley, the wine leans toward the riper end of the spectrum: Aromas of hard candy, grilled meat, cinnamon stick, and baked goods unfold on the nose while sugar plum and black cherry flavors coat the palate. Polished tannins provide structure, holding the ripe fruit flavors together as they gently segue into the wine's long yet delicate finish.

*Peak drinking window: 2026 through 2034.*

### VINEYARD NOTES

The Mononi Vineyard is located at the intersection of Olivet Lane and River Road and demonstrates the perfect pairing of clones to soil type and climate. Due to the maritime fog influence and cooler temperatures that characterize the Russian River Valley, this 20-year old vineyard was planted to Dijon Clones 113 and 115. These particular clones of Pinot Noir are well-suited for cooler climate, and they create intense, fruit forward wines. Clone 115 provides the bright fruit and full-bodied characteristics, with a touch of floral, while Clone 113 possesses fresh acidity and high notes of cranberry and pomegranate. Combined, these two earlier ripening clones create an intricate wine exhibiting true character and finesse.

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