



# 2022 U.V. LUCKY WELL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

*Russian River Valley*

## TASTING NOTES

The Lucky Well Vineyard is perched at the very top of Stoetz Ridge, the landmass that divides the true Sonoma Coast from the Russian River Valley. As a result, the wine made from this site always expresses the best elements of both regions: high-toned wild berry fruit and earth flavors from the Coast, plus the Russian River's signature power, richness, and complexity.

The 2022 Lucky Well Vineyard Pinot Noir is a luminous wine absolutely packed with vibrant flavors and aromas. As with all of the 2022s, the color of the Lucky Well is a mesmerizing jewel-like ruby red, transitioning to a violet rim. This year's edition showcases the soaring aromatics capable of the Lucky Well site - Christmas spice, hard candy, turned earth, and dried flowers emanate from the glass, while Damson plum and tart raspberry flavors grace the palate.

Peak drinking window: 2025 through 2033.

## VINEYARD NOTES

The Lucky Well vineyard sits atop a knoll on the western edge of the Sebastopol hills outside of the towns of Graton and Sebastopol. The area is home to some of the most highly acclaimed Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards in the Russian River Valley due in large part to the perfect confluence of soil, climate, and elevation. The vineyard is in an area often referred to as the "banana belt" of the Russian River Valley because, though on the very coolest, foggiest, and western edge of the appellation, it sits on a knoll that rises above the fog line. This feature exposes the fruit to more gentle sunlight, which allows very slow and even ripening across the entire growing season. Our 4-acre section was planted in 2008 to Pommard, Swan, and Calera clones of Pinot Noir.

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