## 2023 ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

## Russian River Valley

## TASTING NOTES

Juxtaposing lush fruit with restraint, the Estate Pinot Noir represents the purest expression of our ethos as grape growers and winemakers at Arista. Of all the neighborhoods of the Russian River Valley, the Middle Reach has risen to fame as host to the oldest vineyards in the appellation, and also as the source of its most prodigious wines. Our ten acres of Pinot Noir lie in the heart of the Middle Reach, and were planted by legendary vineyard manager Ulises Valdez using 100% heritage selections of Pinot Noir.

The 2023 Estate Pinot Noir is a textbook example of what is possible in this celebrated appellation: Concentrated yet balanced, the wine melds notes of elderberry reduction, raspberry, black cherry, pencil lead, and toasted brioche. Combining fine-grained, polished tannins and well-integrated acidity, plus explosive blue fruit flavors, the 2023 Estate Pinot Noir is undiluted luxury on the palate.

Peak drinking window: 2026 through 2040.

## VINEYARD NOTES

The Arista Estate Pinot Noir is a blend of our four estate vineyard blocks, designed to capture a perfect snapshot of our estate in each vintage. The wine includes grapes from our Harper's Rest, Two Birds, Seven Stories, and Bee Tree sites which are planted across our Westside Road estate. Each block was planted atop a unique soil type - Zamora clay loam, Arbuckle Gravelly loam, and Sobrante silt loam primarily - in order to display the nuances Pinot Noir can achieve. Each vineyard block is harvested separately when the grapes reach their peak of ripeness, and are then fermented in small lots. After fermentation, winemaker Matt Courtney blends the lots together, aiming to craft a wine that is distinctive yet harmonious.

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