

2023 KANZLER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley

TASTING NOTES

Kanzler Vineyard, located just south of Sebastopol in one of the coolest zones of the Russian River Valley, continues to prove itself as one of the most exciting vineyard sites in our lineup. Planted in Goldridge soils and farmed organically by Eric Neil, the vines—now nearing 30 years of age—are delivering fruit with increasing nuance and energy.

The 2023 vintage brought a long, slow growing season, thanks to a wet winter and cool spring that pushed ripening into October. For a site like Kanzler, this extended hang time was ideal. The fruit came in beautifully balanced, with bright acidity, moderate sugar, and excellent skin development.

In the glass, the wine is strikingly perfumed—red currant, pomegranate, and wild strawberry rise from the glass, accented by fresh sage, rose petal, and sandalwood. The palate is layered and lifted, with precise flavors of blood orange, raspberry, and crushed stone that glide across a finely textured frame. The finish is long, detailed, and almost airy, showing the clarity and finesse that are becoming hallmarks of this site.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2037.



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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