

2023 MONONI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley

TASTING NOTES

The Mononi Vineyard has been a cornerstone of our Pinot Noir program since Arista's earliest days. Located along Olivet Lane in the heart of the Russian River Valley, this 3-acre site surrounds the home of longtime grower Paul Mononi, whose deep roots in the area and lifetime of farming experience are reflected in the quality of this fruit. We're proud to continue our longstanding relationship as the exclusive producer of wine from this special vineyard.

Now approaching three decades of age, the vines consistently yield Pinot Noir of depth and generosity. The 2023 vintage leans into the natural richness of this warmer site, with layers of dark cherry and spiced plum on the nose. The palate is plush but structured, offering notes of red licorice, clove, and cedar, with a silky tannin profile that builds toward a long, savory finish. While delicious now with air, this vintage promises additional complexity with time in bottle.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2035.

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 almost 30-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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