



2023 PERLI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Mendocino Ridge

TASTING NOTES

Perched high above the Pacific Ocean on the Mendocino Coast at 1,800 feet above sea level, Perli Vineyard is the most visually spectacular site in Arista's portfolio. The steep, 60% slopes face south and provide expansive views of the nearby Sonoma Coast.

Perli's proximity to the famous vineyards that dot the ridgetops of the Sonoma Coast is immediately evident on the glass: Exotic notes of forest floor, tart cherry, rhubarb, and wild berry come alive in the 2023—all hallmarks of Sonoma's rugged coastal vineyards. Yet the wine's grippy tannins and firm acidity speak to the slightly cooler climate of this more northerly, high-elevation site. The 2023 edition of this wine is exceptionally elegant and ethereal, with delicate floral and botanical details and a brilliant translucent ruby color.

Peak drinking window: 2026 through 2034.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Perli Vineyard, planted in 2001, is owned and farmed by Steve Alden. The Perli Vineyard is located on the southwestern edge of Mendocino County in the Mendocino Ridge AVA. Located at 2200 feet and approximately 6 miles inland, this high elevation and coastal vineyard produces wines of rich flavor and high acid and tannin. The unique mixture of high elevation but extreme coastal influence has a distinct influence on the resulting wines. The elevation keeps the vineyard above the almost permanent fog layer but the coastal influence keeps the temperatures relatively mild. Daytime highs during the growing season rarely exceed 80 degrees while nighttime lows often hover in the low 60's. This more narrow diurnal swing means the grape vines never fully shut down due to extreme daytime heat or cold, nighttime lows. The coastal influence also affects annual production as cold spring temperatures, rain, fog, and wind often minimize fruit set and keep yields very low. The Perli Vineyard is truly a unique site in one of the most promising appellations in Northern California.



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