

## 2023 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

## TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir captures the vintage's signature freshness and making this entry-level Pinot Noir an impressive representation of the Russian River Valley's timeless elegance. A vibrant reflection of the long season, this release displays crisp red fruit and high-toned botanical notes, plus a glowing ruby red color. Notes of red cherry, cranberry, and rose petal are elevated by a fresh, tangy mouthfeel and subtle earthy undertones. The extended season allowed us to harvest beautifully mature grapes, while a modest 25% whole-cluster fermentation contributes to the wine's delicate floral aromatics and fine-grained texture. Framed by just 20% new French oak, the wine retains its bright and approachable character, offering complexity without compromising drinkability.

Peak drinking window: 2026 through 2034.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

Arista Winery was founded by the McWilliams family with a mission to create the most elegant expression of Pinot Noir. Arista sources grapes from small, responsibly-farmed vineyard "gems" and works closely with these growers who share our dedication to sustainability in their vineyards. This combination of minimal intervention and gentle yet meticulous coaxing in the vineyards and in the cellar have resulted in wines with rich, deep flavors that reflect the unique sites from which the grapes are sourced. Produced in small lots of several barrels, the wines are deliciously balanced with fruit, tannins, acidity and oak in harmonious proportion.

The Russian River Valley blend represents the unique characteristics of the appellation that set it apart from other growing regions. This wine is defined by its rich weight and texture and by the dark fruit profile commonly associated with the Russian River Valley.

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