

2023 UV VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley

TASTING NOTES

The UV Vineyard sits atop a low lying ridge Goldilocks zone of the Russian River Valley. This is truly the tenderloin of the appellation—to the east lie the warmer lowlands of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and to the west lie the exposed ridge tops of the Sonoma coast. There are many famous Russian River Valley vineyards in this narrow corridor, but maybe none with such a pure example of Goldridge soil—the powdery, nearly white soil that gives Russian River Valley wines their renowned energy and elegance.

Dark garnet in color, the 2023 UV Vineyard Pinot Noir is a perfect example of this balance: A classic Russian River Valley perfume of roses, crushed bramble, candied strawberries, pine forest, and wet stones is accented by a subtle toasty barrel note. On the palate, the wine has a lively, mouth-watering, energetic feel powered by bright but well-integrated natural acidity and fine, powdery tannins. The UV Vineyard Pinot Noir is delicious now, but its firm structure bodes well for aging so be sure to stash a bottle or two in the back of your cellar.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2040.

VINEYARD NOTES

Planted by the now-legendary Ulises Valdez in 2001, the UV vineyard is a site we've loved for over 15 years. This exceptional vineyard sits at the top of a low lying ridge in the heart of the Russian River Valley AVA. Specifically known as the Laguna Ridge, this is truly the tenderloin of the appellation - to the east lie the warmer lowlands of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and to the west lie the exposed ridge tops of the Sonoma coast. This narrow strip of vineyard land is home to some of the state's most famous Pinot Noir vineyards, but few if any are as renowned as UV.

Here, in this "Goldilocks" zone, the "Swan" and "Calera" selections of Pinot Noir thrive on a pure example of Goldridge soil. This powdery, nearly-white soil series gives Russian River Pinot Noirs their renowned energy and elegance and is abundant in the UV Vineyard.



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