

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 Martaella Vineyard Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Martaella Vineyard is located in the heart of Russian River Valley in an area known as Laguna de Santa Rosa. The 58-acre property was initially planted in 2005 before being expanded in 2008 and currently has 42 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The climate is heavily influenced by the intrusion of fog from the Pacific Ocean, which cools the region down by as much as 40 degrees. The vineyard was planted with a very high vine density, similar to the way vines are planted in Burgundy, France. High density planting yields smaller berries, smaller clusters and better overall concentration and balance. The vineyard is host to nine different Pinot Noir clones and heirloom selections, providing an exceptional opportunity for vineyard diversity. 2022 can best be described as “early”. It began with a cold, dry winter that led to early bud break. Serious frost in April and an unexpected hailstorm in May caused damage to new growth and flowers, impacting yields. Hot Summer temperatures led to an early onset of harvest, with harvest ending on September 9th, the earliest in our winery history. Despite the rapid pace, flavors and tannin were concentrated and acidity was vibrant, creating wines that rival those of the beautiful 2021 vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes were hand-harvested in the cool early morning hours to ensure optimal fruit integrity, then brought to the winery for careful sorting and de-stemming. About 25% of the fruit was kept as whole clusters for fermentation. The whole clusters were layered atop the destemmed berries in small open-top fermenters to contribute aromatic lift, structure, and complexity. Following a five-day cold soak, the must was inoculated with yeast. Fermentation temperatures were closely monitored, and extraction was managed through daily punch-downs to maintain a balanced tannin profile. After dryness, the wine remained on skins for an extended maceration of over ten days to further enhance complexity and soften tannins. The tank was then drained, and the must gently pressed using our Bucher basket press. The wine was aged for 15 months on primary lees in French oak barrels (45% new).

TASTING NOTES

Lively and fruit-forward, this 2022 Martaella Vineyard Pinot Noir greets the glass with bright notes of cherry, tart red fruits, and hints of violet, balanced by a grounding whisper of wet leaves and forest floor. The palate offers high-toned acidity that lifts the vibrant red fruit while a medium body carries through to a lingering, earthy finish, showcasing the vineyard’s signature depth and a graceful structure that will continue to evolve beautifully with time.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 45% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.1%

PH / T.A.
3.39 / 6.60 gm/L

PRODUCTION
307 cases

BOTTLING DATE
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