

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 Rochioli-Allen Vineyards Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

The grapes for this outstanding Pinot Noir come from the historic Allen Vineyard, located on the opposite side of Westside Road from Rochioli. Both sites are farmed by the Rochioli family. Each clone and field selection were chosen to take advantage of specific soil type, elevation, and exposure to the sun, generating wines that are vibrant and powerful, yet delicate and balanced. Some of the oldest vines have been nurtured by three generations of the Rochioli family.

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

The grapes were harvested in the cool morning hours and delivered to the winery just as the fog was clearing. After careful hand sorting, 85% of the fruit was gently destemmed, then transferred to small, open-top tanks and 15% of the fruit was added as whole clusters. The juice was chilled to 45°F and allowed to cold soak for five days before fermentation was started. During fermentation, the cap was gently punched down 3-4 times per day. After fermentation, the new wine and its solids were allowed to sit in a tank for ten days of extended maceration. The wine was then gently pressed off the skins and seeds, inoculated for malolactic fermentation, and racked into 45% new French oak barrels (light toast François Frères, Tonnellerie O, & Ana Selection) for 15 months of barrel aging.

TASTING NOTES

Understated at first, the 2022 Rochioli-Allen Vineyards Pinot Noir reveals its character gradually with each swirl. Aromas of dried dill, oregano, and thyme intertwine with sunbaked earth, red currant and sandalwood, creating a layered and intriguing introduction. The palate follows with tart red cherry juice, rhubarb, and a hint of black licorice, all carried by medium, bright acidity and framed by soft yet structured tannins. Balanced and quietly powerful, this is a wine with the bones to age, revealing more nuance and depth with time.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 45% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.5%

PH / T.A.
3.38 / 6.20 gm/L

PRODUCTION
306 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2024

RETAIL PRICE
\$95.00



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