

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 Rochioli Vineyard Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

About five miles from our winery, up the gently winding Westside Road, the 162-acre Rochioli Vineyard was originally purchased in 1938 by Joe Rochioli, Sr. The vision of growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay along these fertile, gravelly soils was carried out by Joe Jr. after his father's passing in 1966. Of the 128 planted acres on the Rochioli Vineyard, half is planted to various clones of Pinot Noir, where some of the vines come from cuttings taken from the original "mother" block planted in 1968. At a time when Pinot Noir was virtually unknown here in the Russian River Valley, Joe Rochioli Jr. was ahead of his time in selecting the Pommard clone for these initial plantings. 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 harvested in the early morning hours then brought to the winery for hand sorting, where 88% of the grapes were de-stemmed, then transferred to open-top tanks, while 12% of the fruit was added on top as whole clusters. The juice allowed to cold soak for 7 days before fermentation. During fermentation, the cap was gently punched down with an occasional juice pump over. After fermentation, the new wine stayed in tank for 10 days of extended maceration to soften tannins and develop more complexity before being gently pressed off its solids, inoculated for malolactic fermentation, and racked into 40% new French oak barrels for 15 months of barrel aging on primary lees.

TASTING NOTES

Cherry and red fruit driven, layered with rose petal, a hint of fresh herbs, and warming notes of cardamom, Rochioli Vineyard never disappoints. On the palate, Bing cherry, hibiscus tea, and slightly-underripe wild blackberry bring energy and depth, carried by a beautifully rich mouthfeel and lifted by zesty acidity. Dusty, polished tannins and a subtle mineral edge add intrigue through a long, silky finish that feels both vibrant now and built for the cellar. Pairs well with friends and family gathered close, soft music in the background, and a long evening of togetherness.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 48% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.5%

PH / T.A.
3.35 / 6.70 gm/L

PRODUCTION
374 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2024

RETAIL PRICE
\$95.00



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