GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 Thorn Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

Located in the Sebastopol Hills within the western edge of the Russian River Valley AVA, Thorn Ridge Vineyard was planted in the mid-1990s and is farmed by Ted Klopp and his family. The vineyard sits on a steep east-facing slope of Goldridge sandy loam soils and experiences strong maritime influence from the nearby Pacific Ocean. The cool climate, morning sun exposure, and frequent coastal fog allow for slow ripening and excellent acidity, producing Pinot Noir with concentrated dark berry flavors, spice, and notable structure.

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, 80% of the fruit was gently de-stemmed, then transferred to small, open-top tanks and 20% 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 42% new French oak barrels (light toast François Frères, Tonnellerie O, & Ana Selection) for 15 months of barrel aging.

TASTING NOTES

Making its inaugural release, our Thorn Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir offers an expressive introduction to a site defined by savory nuance and aromatic lift. The nose is highly perfumed, layering boysenberry and cranberry with damp earth, savory jam, and fresh thyme and sage - evoking a just-tended garden. On the palate, black cherry and tart red fruit are framed by cedar and earthy undertones, with softer acidity lending a supple, approachable texture. Savory, grounded, and ready to enjoy.

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 42% new French oak

ALCOHOL
13.9%

pH / T.A.
3.43 / 6.60 gm/L

PRODUCTION
435 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2024

RETAIL PRICE
$75.00

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