

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 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.

This release brings together several stand-out blocks on the property, including three planted in 1974, 1995 and 2000, 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.

2023 was a very long, cool growing season, resulting in our latest start and finish to harvest on record. The extended hang time at lower temperatures provided gorgeous fruit with stunning flavors, structure, and complexity for another vintage of beautiful wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes were harvested in the early morning hours then brought to the winery for hand sorting, where 85% of the grapes were de-stemmed, then transferred to open-top tanks, while 15% of the fruit was added on top as whole clusters. The juice was allowed to cold soak for 5 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 7 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 50% new French oak barrels for 15 months of barrel aging on primary lees.

TASTING NOTES

Layered and expressive red cherry, pipe tobacco and sage aromatics with dried rose petal and subtle savory nuance stand out on the nose. The palate is balanced and composed, highlighting tart red fruit like cranberry and pomegranate with a touch of earthy complexity, all framed by soft, dusty tannins and vibrant freshness. Poised and confident in its youth yet clearly built to evolve, the 2023 Rochioli Vineyard Pinot Noir offers immediate charm with the depth and structure that promise a long, graceful life.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Chardonnay

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 50% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.9%

PH / T.A.
3.44 / 6.50 gm/L

PRODUCTION
519 cases, 10 cases of 1.5L

BOTTLING DATE
February 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$95.00



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