

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2023 Zio Tony Ranch Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

First planted to wine grapes in 2000, the former apple orchard is named after Lee Martinelli Sr.'s uncle, Tony Bondi, "Zio Tony", a gregarious figure who loved to have a good time. The vineyard, located along the Laguna Ridge at the edge of the Russian River Valley's cooler climate Green Valley, is situated on rolling hills that are comprised of Goldridge soils. The vines deliver grapes that are intensely fruit forward and complex while retaining the bright natural acidity that is a hallmark of this renowned growing area.

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 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 40% of the fruit was kept as whole clusters for fermentation. The whole clusters were layered atop the destemmed berries in a small open-top oak fermenter 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 (47% new).

TASTING NOTES

Our third vintage of Zio Tony Vineyard Pinot Noir shows soft spiced wood and subtle oak aromas, unfolding into a lively acidity that lifts vibrant raspberry and red fruit flavors. Notes of cedar and gentle baking spices add complexity on the palate, balancing the wine's lively freshness with a smooth, inviting finish.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 47% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.6%

PH / T.A.
3.41 / 6.60 gm/L

PRODUCTION
289 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$75.00



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