

WAYFARER

2023 PINOT NOIR 'THE ESTATE'

TASTING NOTES | The 2023 Pinot Noir 'The Estate' flaunts a vibrant ruby hue in the glass. Expressive, layered aromatics evoke alpine strawberry, black raspberry, crushed rose petal, green cardamom, pomegranate and fresh sage. The seamless pure fruit character is framed with firm but finely textured tannin and elevated with a fresh backbone of acidity. While drinking beautifully now, this vintage will continue to develop nuance and complexity in bottle for the next decade.

VINTAGE NOTES | Moderate and extended vintages like we experienced in 2023 are ideal for producing wines of finesse and complexity with quiet power. 2023 began with a cool and wet spring, followed by a mild May and June, extending bloom nearly three weeks and further delaying an already late vintage. July and August brought warmth and sunshine with above-average temperatures driving berry development and ripening, before transitioning into cooler but still sunny weather in September. Harvest began on September 25th and carried well into October. A few early fall showers lightly sprinkled the vines, spurring photosynthesis and phenolic development until the last vine was harvested on October 16th, the latest harvest in our history. The mild temperatures and extended harvest in 2023 brought beautiful flavor and tannin development with vibrant acidity, truly exceptional and classically styled wines with great aging potential.

WINEMAKING NOTES | Each block was picked by hand in the cool pre-dawn hours, and the fruit was delivered to the winery before sunrise. We sorted the clusters by hand, with 7% reserved for whole-cluster fermentation. We destemmed the remainder of the fruit before transferring it into small stainless steel tanks for three to eight days of cold maceration. Fermentation was carried out by native yeast, and we punched the cap down by hand, with the frequency and technique determined by tasting each tank daily. The free run wine aged in 228L French oak barrels, 46% new, for 15 months prior to bottling unfinned and unfiltered.

ABOUT | Wayfarer's flagship Pinot Noir encapsulates the truest representation of our estate vineyard each vintage, a wine that can only be from one place in the world. Our ten Pinot Noir clonal selections are planted in individual blocks on both east and west facing slopes, providing myriad expressions of clone, aspect, elevation and microclimate to build an architecture that reveals the complex character of our exceptional vineyard.

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview Sonoma County
BLOCKS	3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26a, 27
CLONES	Bacigalupi Old Wente, Dijon 115, 667 and 777, Hyde Old Wente, Mount Eden, Pommard 4 and 5, Swan, Wayfarer
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	2.5 pounds
HARVESTED	September 25 - October 13, 2023
BOTTLED	December 18, 2024
ALCOHOL	14.3%
pH	3.48
TA	5.6 g/L
PRODUCTION	1,312 cases