

WAYFARER

2024 PINOT NOIR 'THE TRAVELER'

TASTING NOTES | Complex aromatics of strawberry, blood orange, kumquat, savory forest floor, and Herbes de Provence emerge from the 2024 'The Traveler'. On the palate, a tart, concentrated pomegranate quality and briny freshness lend detailed structure. It possesses the supplest tannins of all the wines, and the most laser-focused acidity, giving it wonderful tension and a juicy, persistent finish.

VINTAGE NOTES | The 2024 Wayfarer wines are the product of an even, warm vintage that brought all components into balance, yielding great complexity, texture and depth. Rainfall was moderate throughout the cool winter months and into early spring, replenishing the vines without saturating the soil. Bloom occurred on schedule in late May, and warm weather continued throughout June and July, leading to even veraison during the first week of August. Harvest was also right on schedule, lasting from September 5th to the 30th. While peak temperatures throughout the growing season were above average, nighttime temperatures dipped lower than usual – the greatest diurnal shift on record at Wayfarer. This pronounced daily temperature swing developed intense flavors, bringing great character and structure to the wines, while maintaining a vibrant core of acidity. The vintage also brought more coastal wind than usual, which thickened the grape skins and focused the vines' energy on berry development, deepening the nuance and density of the wines. Open and generous now, the 2024s will age gracefully over the next ten years.

WINEMAKING NOTES | Each block was harvested by hand at night, with firm, cool clusters delivered to the winery before sunrise. The fruit was hand-sorted and fully destemmed before being gently elevated by conveyor into stainless steel tanks for five to six days of cold maceration. Fermentation was carried out by native yeast; the cap was punched down by hand, with frequency and technique guided by tasting each tank daily. Exclusively free-run wine aged in 228L French oak barrels, 44% new, for 15 months before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

ABOUT | Our most dynamic wine, 'The Traveler' continually transforms in the glass. Defined by sweeping aromatics, remarkable vibrancy, complex savory tones, and a persistent and concentrated finish, The Traveler will age beautifully for a decade or more. These vines were originally cuttings from a Grand Cru vineyard in Vosne-Romanée.

ACCLAIM | "Aromas of roses and other flowers and perfectly ripe raspberries. Medium-bodied with a velvety texture, open grain and a long, impeccable finish. The balance is incredible. Made from a clone from a top vineyard in Vosne Romanee. Gorgeous now." 99 Points, *James Suckling*, June 2026

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview
BLOCKS	9, 18
CLONE	Wayfarer
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	3.4 lbs/vine
HARVESTED	September 16-17, 2024
BOTTLED	February 2026
ALCOHOL	14.1%
pH	3.41
TA	6.8 g/L
PRODUCTION	210 cases
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn