

WAYFARER

2024 PINOT NOIR 'GOLDEN MEAN'

TASTING NOTES | The 2024 'Golden Mean' opens with delicate, layered aromatics of fresh strawberries and crunchy cranberries, graphite and crushed earth, sweet peas and soft rose petal. Velvety in texture with layers of minerality, vibrating acidity leads into a juicy, mouthwatering finish. It's feather light yet possesses great breadth and power.

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, 38% new, for 15 months before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

ABOUT | 'Golden Mean' is a philosophical term that explores the harmonious middle between two opposite ideals. A seamless juxtaposition of two distinctive clonal selections, Swan and Pommard, Swan's layered aromatics and ethereal character meld with the sublime texture and power of Pommard.

ACCLAIM | "The 2024 Pinot Noir 'Golden Mean' is impressive. Brisk and poised in the glass, with striking translucence, the 2024 impresses with its energy and tension. Deeply pitched floral and spice notes meld into a core of red cherry/plum fruit, blood orange, spice and pomegranate. Time in the glass reveals the wine's substance and overall palate presence. What a gorgeous wine this is." 95-97 Points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, January 2026

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview
BLOCKS	5, 20
CLONES	Pommard, Swan
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	3.2 lbs/vine
HARVESTED	September 5 - 11, 2024
BOTTLED	February 2026
ALCOHOL	14.1%
pH	3.46
TA	6.8 g/L
PRODUCTION	180 cases
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn