

*2023 Kanzler Estate Reserve
Pinot Noir*

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Estate Reserve is a compelling expression of the vintage, showcasing the full complexity the Kanzler Estate has to offer. Vibrant aromas of fresh raspberry, juicy pomegranate, and Bing cherry create an expressive profile of bright red fruit that really ties the nose together. Layers of orange peel and shiso leaf add a savory, herbaceous dimension, while a touch of white pepper provides a delicate spice nuance. On the palate, the wine is precise and linear, supported by a refined structure that highlights its tension and length. The tannins are present and well-integrated given it's youth.

GROWING SEASON

2023 was the coolest and latest ripening vintage since we began making our own wine back in 2004. Compared to the warm 2022 vintage where all grapes were harvested in September, in 2023 we didn't begin picking until Oct 2nd, 2 to 4 weeks earlier than normal. Luckily there were neither early rains nor a surprise late heat wave in 2023. The even and predictable weather continued through the end of the growing season. Yields were generous, quality outstanding, and brix (sugar) accumulation was moderate and even for our final Pinot Noir pick on October 27. As the last of our grapes were harvested at sunrise, we saw frost forming on the picking bins and fruit.

SPECS

PRODUCTION

533 cases

VINEYARDS

Kanzler Estate 100%

BOTTLED

December 17, 2024
Unfined, unfiltered

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

FERMENTATION

Native and cultured yeast

ALCOHOL

14.2% by volume

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

AGING

14 months on lees
French oak barrels—33% new
Finished 1 month stainless steel

PH

3.56

HARVESTED

October 13-27, 2023

WINEMAKER

Alex Kanzler