

2023 Walker Station Vineyard Pinot Noir

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Walker Station Pinot Noir showcases a strong and powerful touch. While it is restrained in its youth, it has all the potential to unravel into a spectacular wine for those who can be patient. The wine has an exotic tilt, bringing forth unique flavors of Thai basil, crushed earth and black truffle which evolve in the glass. The wine opens with a medley of fruit notes, red currant, boysenberry and plum. On the palate, we find a concentrated core of fruit notes and a balanced, rounded finish.

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

329 cases

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

HARVESTED

October 11, 2023

VINEYARDS

Walker Station 100%

FERMENTATION

Native and cultured yeast

AGING

14 months French Oak
29% new Finished 1 month
stainless steel

BOTTLED

December 17, 2024
Unfined, unfiltered

ALCOHOL

14.2% by volume

PH

3.51

WINEMAKER

Alex Kanzler