



2023 Terra de Promissio Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Perfumed notes of dried herbs and Chinese five spice jump from the glass. The typical red fruit flavors of blood orange and Bing cherry harmonize with earthy mushroom and cedar shavings notes. The dusty tannins and moderate acidity are attributed to the vineyard's long and cool growing season due to its proximity to San Pablo Bay. This Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast AVA exemplifies the balance and finesse of the 2023 vintage.

THE VINEYARD

"The Land of Promise" is family owned and operated by husband and wife team Charles and Diana Karren. The Karrens bought a 50 acre dairy ranch in 1999 and planted over 33,000 Pinot Noir vines on 32 acres in 2002. Terra de Promissio had its first harvest in 2005.

HARVEST 2023

We experienced a welcome sense of normality in 2023, after tumultuous weather patterns during previous growing seasons, including drought conditions, heat events, and hail. This vintage began auspiciously with historical average rainfall and modest temperatures at the start of bud break. Ample sunshine and early heat resulted in even growth of the canopies, creating uniformity and balance as the vines entered the flowering cycle. While it was similarly cool at the outset of 2011, the 2023 heat units built slowly, and the weather was ideal by May. The flowering period was quick, and the fruit set bountiful. The weather was perfect in June and July, with a few heat spikes that kept the plants healthy and sustained. Mid-season crop adjustments were necessary to ensure good vine balance as veraison approached. With the cooler start to the vintage and the normal fog pattern of August, the ripening cycle slowed, and the crop achieved ideal hang time for tannin development at modest sugars. Across the board, the wines exhibit terrific purity of character with excellent tannin resolution. While hot and dry years can create wines of shocking intensity, these cooler vintages showcase the elegant style of Williams Selyem.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 67% new, 33% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.59

TA: 0.55g/100mL

Alc: 13.5%

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