



2022  
**Estate Bottled**  
**Pinot Noir**  
Russian River Valley



**TECHNICALLY**

HARVEST DATE

**September 13, 2022**

pH

**3.79**

TA

**.56**

ALCOHOL

**14.5%**

WINEMAKER

**JASON DELOACH**

CASES PRODUCED

**2950**

ESTATE BOTTLED

**July 29, 2023**

AGING

10 MONTHS FRENCH

30% NEW

**THE VINEYARDS:**

Cecil De Loach planted these delicate Pinot Noir vineyards in 1973 in the Russian River Valley. Located on the plains and gently rolling hills off Olivet Road in western Santa Rosa, this area provides an excellent medium for the coastal fog that blankets our fruit in the mornings and evenings. The cooling moisture facilitates a longer growing season in which Pinot Noir thrives.

**THE WINEMAKING:**

We use old world techniques, whole berries, and whole clusters to make our Pinot Noir in small batches that we "punch-down" up to three times a day. After native yeast fermentation the wine is aged in French oak barrels for up to 10 months to achieve optimum balance and complexity. These Third Alarm Pinot Noir grapes were harvested from multiple vineyards throughout the Russian River Valley. Each barrel in the Estate Bottled program is handpicked/tasted through to meet our finest level quality.

**THE WINE:**

This year's Russian River Valley offering displays a deep maroon hue, with wafting orange peel, tart cherry, and hints of dusty dark chocolate. While notes of black cherry, rhubarb, and cinnamon fill the front palate, there is a well-structured finish of vanilla, coffee, and light elderberry.



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## HOOK AND LADDER PINOT NOIR SONOMA COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2022

Dark fruit, sweet spices, earth and flowers on the nose. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins and bright acidity, giving flavors of black cherries, plums and cocoa. Fruit-driven and plush. Drink now. Screw cap.