

KOSTA BROWNE

2023 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

THE HEARTLAND OF CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIR

Our Appellation Series wines embody our relentless pursuit of crafting wines that reflect the land that defines them. The Russian River Valley, often called the heartland of California Pinot Noir, is shaped by the cooling influence of coastal fog that follows the river inland from the Pacific. These daily temperature shifts slow ripening, allowing the grapes to develop layered complexity while preserving freshness and balance.

The 2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir brings together a dynamic selection of vineyards, including our Estate Series sites, Bootlegger's Hill and Treehouse Vineyard, which contribute to its character and dimension. Ripe raspberry, dark cherry, and black fruit intertwine with fragrant hibiscus, floral notes, and a touch of vanilla. The palate unfolds with blackberry, blueberry, and plum, supported by vibrant acidity and polished tannins. Hints of cocoa add depth, leading to a warm, extended finish. Aged for 16 months in a mix of French oak and foudre, followed by time in stainless steel, this wine achieves a refined balance of structure and elegance.

TASTING NOTES

AROMA Ripe raspberry, dark cherry, and black fruit combine with fragrant hibiscus, floral notes, and a touch of vanilla.

PALATE Blackberry, blueberry, and plum flavors are complemented by balanced acidity and refined tannins with a hint of cocoa powder, adding depth to a warm, extended finish.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

FERMENTATION 55% stainless steel, 25% concrete, 20% oak; 5% whole cluster

ÉLEVAGE 40% new French oak & 60% neutral oak for 16 months, 16% foudre for 16 months, then 100% of the blend was aged in stainless steel for 1 month.

ALCOHOL 14.2% **pH** 3.66 **TA** 5.35 g/L

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD Bootlegger's Hill, Giusti Ranch, Treehouse, Winner's Circle, Zio Tony, Moonshine, Jenkins, Sundawg Ridge, Barron Ranch

CLONES 115, Mt. Eden, 37, Swan, 777, Calera, 114, 667, Pommard, 23, 828, 2A

SOIL Mainly Goldridge loam

FACT OF NOTE

The Zio Tony contribution to the Russian River Valley blend fermented on skins for 20 days.



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