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2024 SONOMA COAST

PINOT NOIR



BLEND: 98% Pinot Noir, 2% Petite Sirah

AGING: 10 months French Oak

ALCOHOL: 14.5% By Vol.

pH: 3.75 **ACIDITY:** 5.5 g/mL **RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 4.5 g/L

FOOD PAIRINGS: Grilled salmon, tuna, roast chicken and pepperoni pizza

ACCOLADES:

93 POINTS
THE **tastingpanel**
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"Earthy and intense, with tobacco, coffee beans, and barrel oak notes. The mouthfeel is suede-like, with mid-point flavors of wild strawberry and black tea. An indulgent sipper."

VINIFICATION & MATURATION: Grapes were carefully harvested at optimal ripeness to capture the delicate balance of acidity and nuanced flavors. Following a gentle destemming and crushing, the must was cold-soaked to enhance color and flavor extraction without extracting excessive tannins. Fermentation took place in open-top fermenters, allowing for manual punch-downs which facilitate a gentle extraction process, crucial for maintaining the finesse typical of Pinot Noir. After fermentation, the wine was aged in French oak barrels to add subtle complexity and depth. The use of oak was judicious, with a mix of new and seasoned barrels to ensure that the oak flavors complemented rather than dominated the delicate fruit characteristics. This aging process, typically lasting about 10 to 12 months, allowed the wine to develop integrated tannins and subtle spice notes while maintaining the varietal's characteristic red fruit and earthy tones.

WINE NOTES: On the nose, this Pinot Noir exudes enticing aromas of ripe red cherries and fresh strawberries, complemented by subtle floral hints of rose and lavender, and a delicate earthiness that adds depth and intrigue. The palate is elegantly structured, offering a silky texture and a harmonious blend of luscious berry flavors, notably raspberry and cranberry, intertwined with light notes of spice and a gentle touch of oak. This integration results in a well-rounded mouthfeel with balanced acidity and soft tannins, leading to a smooth, lingering finish that leaves a refreshing impression of finesse and sophistication.



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