

RELEASED FALL/WINTER 2023

PINOT NOIR 2022

100% Pinot noir · 98 Cases

Dry Farmed · Hawkeye Ranch · Redwood Valley



blending and bottling. Unfined. Unfiltered. Sediment expected.

MARTHA'S NOTE

Pete Johnson's vineyard pocket in Redwood Valley continues to amaze me. In contrast to our warm and windy vineyards closer to Ukiah, Pete's Hawkeye Ranch (and nearby Dicesare Vineyard) showcase this area's dramatic daily temperature inversion, where cool overnight air pools from the mountain slopes into the rolling valley vineyards and provides daily relief, often in excessive of +/- 30 degrees Fahrenheit. Dry farming reduces yield and results in wines that have just the right amount of concentration, even at relatively lower extraction. Our 1960s-era Pinot noir from Hawkeye Ranch is a wine that brings ample California sunshine with restraint.

AT BOTTLING

(June 2023): 12% alc/vol · Free SO₂ 13 mg/L, Total SO₂ 37 mg/L · Less than 1 g/L sugar (dry)

TASTING NOTE

Slide up to aromas of breakfast tea and orange peels drying in the sun. Planted in the 1960's, these dry-farmed vines show us what's possible with Mendocino fruit. This particular Pinot is the perfect companion for whittling small gifts from birch bark, getting past the small talk, and processing your plum harvest.

VINEYARD

Pinot noir from Hawkeye Ranch, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County; dry farmed (non-irrigated), certified organic vineyard; gravelly loam soils.

VINIFICATION

Whole clusters (stems intact) of Pinot noir sealed in a tank (semi-carbonic maceration). After opening the tank, a mixture of punchdowns and pumpovers were used to gently extract tannin and then pressed prior to dryness. The wine aged on fine lees in neutral oak barrique for 9 months before

Martha Sloumen



All of our wines are fermented with native yeast and bacteria, are vegan, and have no additions beyond minimal effective sulfites for some wines, as listed.