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2023 SONOMA COAST **PINOT NOIR**

90 PTS. | **WINE ENTHUSIAST**

Blend: 96% Pinot Noir, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petite Sirah, 1% Merlot

Alc: 14.5% by vol. | **Aging:** 10 Months in French oak

pH: 3.75 | **Acidity:** 5.5 g/mL | **Residual Sugar:** 4 g/L

VINEYARDS

This Pinot Noir from Sonoma Coast underwent a meticulous vinification process designed to preserve the delicate nuances of this varietal while expressing the unique characteristics of the cool-climate region. The grapes were handpicked at optimal ripeness to ensure a balance of acidity and flavor. After careful sorting, the grapes were destemmed and underwent a gentle cold soak 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 elegance of Pinot Noir. The wine was aged in French oak barrels to add 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

The 2023 Pinot Noir from Sonoma Coast is a beautifully crafted wine that epitomizes the elegance and complexity of this cool-climate region. It displays a vibrant ruby color, hinting at the delicate yet expressive nature of the wine. On the nose, this Pinot Noir exudes enticing aromas of ripe red cherries and fresh strawberries, complemented by subtle floral hints of rose petals and a nuanced layer of earthy forest floor, adding depth and intrigue. The palate is silky and refined, offering a harmonious blend of red fruit flavors, notably raspberry and a touch of cranberry, intertwined with light notes of spice and a gentle kiss 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. This 2023 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is an exquisite example of varietal and regional expression, perfect for pairing with a variety of dishes or enjoying on its own.

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