

# *Paul Lato*



2023 "Duende" Pinot Noir  
Gold Coast Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley



From the Gold Coast Vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley and aged 17 months in 25% new French oak, the 2023 Pinot Noir Duende Gold Coast Vineyard is a translucent ruby hue and offers mulled cherries, framboise, sassafras, and minty herbs. Beautifully balanced, layered, and polished, it has some classic marine and salty nuances, ripe tannins, and a pure, seamless mouthfeel. It's beautifully done and, I suspect, will have a decade of longevity, although there's no need to hold off. - **96pts Jeb Dunnuck**

**Vinification:** Destemmed. Aged 18 months in 10% new French oak. Bottled unfinned & unfiltered.

**Clones:** Martini

**Soil:** Sandy loam

**Alc:** 14.1%

**pH:** 3.43

**TA:** 5.9

**Cases Produced:** 150