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WINES



2023 “Prospect” Pinot Noir

Rancho Real Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley



Rancho Real Vineyard, located in the Santa Maria Valley, is renowned for producing high-quality Pinot Noir grapes. The vineyard's unique combination of sandy soils and a cool maritime climate contributes to the distinctive character of its wines. This wine was fully destemmed, fermented in small lots, and aged in 50% new French oak.

The 2023 *Prospect* opens with an inviting bouquet of cranberry, raspberry, and red cherry, layered gently over a base of damp earth and orange peel. On the palate, it is bright and lifted, with flavors of pomegranate and macerated wild strawberry offering vibrancy and depth. A thread of hibiscus tea lingers gracefully on the finish, which is silky and precise, carried by a spine of fresh, natural acidity. Elegant, quietly expressive, and true to its cool-climate origin, this wine captures both the energy and subtle beauty of the Rancho Real site.

Clones: 115, 667

Soils: wind-deposited marine sandy loam and Gary sand

Aging: 18 months in 50% new French oak

ABV: 14.4%

TA: 5.5

pH: 3.70