

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2023 PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Goff Vineyard is a Dutton Ranch property in the Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley that yields a wine with intense red fruit aromas. It is softer, with lovely suppleness, sweet fruit on the mid-palate, and red fruit flavors. The 2023 is the seventh vintage using the Dutton Ranch Goff vineyard and the thirteenth year of our growing relationship with the Dutton Ranch.

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

GROWING SEASON: Our 2023 vintage was shaped by an extended growing season, resulting in exceptional flavor concentration and depth. A cooler spring with some rain in March and April led to a late budbreak and long flowering, while the moderate summer temperatures and lack of major heat spikes allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and develop beautifully on the vine. Harvested on October 11, the fruit achieved optimal balance, richness, and freshness.

HARVEST DATE: October 11, 2023

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

CLONAL SELECTION: 75% - 113, 25% - Pommard

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 10 months in Oak – 25% new: 100% French

WINEMAKING: The single lot was fermented in an open top tank utilizing both punch downs and pump overs to optimize the level of extraction from the fruit. The wine went to barrel with some yeast lees that were stirred every 2 weeks for the first 6 months of aging to add body and complexity. The 2023 vintage was bottled unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES: The 2023 Pinot Noir has aromas of ripe red cherry, pomegranate, lovely oak spice, and vanilla, with hints of black tea. Medium bodied, with nice concentration and structured richness, the Pinot is supple with balanced bright acidity of plum, cranberry, cherry and raspberry. and moderate tannins to keep it classically structured. A welcome addition to your table now and will continue to improve with cellaring through 2028.

PRODUCTION: 525 cases