



2022 U.V. LUCKY WELL VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley

WINERY

The core principle of the winemaking philosophy at Arista is to capture and express the true character and potential of each vineyard. They work with a very carefully chosen handful of grand-cru level Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards, and are uncompromising in their efforts to maximize the full potential of the wines crafted from these special sites.

WINE

The Lucky Well vineyard is home to some of the most highly acclaimed Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards in the Russian River Valley due in large part to the perfect confluence of soil, climate, and elevation.

VINEYARDS

The Lucky Well vineyard sits atop a knoll on the western edge of the Sebastopol hills outside of the towns of Graton and Sebastopol. The vineyard is in an area often referred to as the “banana belt” of the Russian River Valley because, though on the very coolest, foggiest, and western edge of the appellation, it sits on a knoll that rises above the fog line. This feature exposes the fruit to more gentle sunlight, which allows very slow and even ripening across the entire growing season. Our 4-acre section was planted in 2008 to Pommard, Swan, and Calera clones of Pinot Noir.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season in Sonoma County started early due to low rainfall and warm spring temperatures. We faced two frost spells in the Russian River Valley, where frost has become increasingly common. Summer was mild with gradual warming through mid-August, leading to our earliest harvest. This timing was fortunate, as we completed most harvesting before a significant September heatwave that affected many Sonoma and Napa vineyards. The 2022 vintage produced crystalline, ethereal wines with distinct character. These aromatic, gem-like wines reflect the season’s challenges, which ultimately contributed to their depth and beauty.

WINEMAKING

11 months in French oak barrels; 20-30% whole cluster used during fermentation. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Lucky Well Vineyard Pinot Noir is a luminous wine absolutely packed with vibrant flavors and aromas. As with all of the 2022s, the color of the Lucky Well is a mesmerizing jewel-like ruby red, transitioning to a violet rim. This year’s edition showcases the soaring aromatics capable of the Lucky Well site - Christmas spice, hard candy, turned earth, and dried flowers emanate from the glass, while Damson plum and tart raspberry flavors grace the palate.



VINEYARD

Region:	California
Appellation:	Sonoma County
Sub-Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Soil:	Goldridge
Age:	16 years
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable practices

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Pinot Noir
Aging:	11 months in French oak barrels

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	13.8%