

# Harper's Rest

## 2023 Pinot Noir, Moon Dust Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Estate Grown

### Winery

Harper's Rest produces terroir-driven Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from two estate vineyards in the Russian River Valley—Harper's Rest in the Middle Reach and Moon Dust in the Sebastopol Hills—farmed with a meticulous regenerative organic approach. Owned by fifth-generation vintner Chris Underwood, the winery honors both a family legacy in wine and spirits dating to 1888 and the land's original steward, 1850s hops farmer Reuben Harper.

### Wine

Sourced from a single site in the Russian River Valley, this Pinot Noir highlights precise farming and thoughtful winemaking. Six Pinot clones bring depth and site expression, with savory notes, vibrant red fruit, and the freshness of the vintage.

### Vineyards

100% from the Moon Dust Vineyard, which is in the Sebastopol Hills, the coolest part of the Russian River Valley. The vineyard is home to six clones of Pinot Noir on 11 acres planted in 2007 divided into eight blocks with clones 828, DB Selection, 115, 667, 777, and Pommard. The vineyard has high density plantings forcing the roots to go deep for varied nutrients.

### Vintage Notes

A dream vintage for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. After the challenges of 2020–2022, 2023 delivered

a welcome reset: a wet winter set up a healthy crop, and extended spring rain with cooler temperatures delayed budbreak and bloom by about a month versus 2022. The season stayed cool through summer, with most days in the 70s and 80s, and harvest began 29 days later than 2022, completed over an intensive eight-day window.

### Winemaking

Hand-harvested and hand-sorted, with 80% destemmed and 20% whole cluster. A four-day cold soak in open-top tanks is followed by ambient-yeast fermentation, kept below 90°F, using punch-downs only for extraction. After fermenting dry, only the free-run juice is used. The wine goes to barrel for natural malolactic, with no chemical additions, and is not racked until just before bottling.

### Tasting Notes

The wine shows aromas of fresh and brandied red cherry, black cardamom, shiitake, and French oak. Despite the cool vintage, the palate is deep and structured, lifted by bright acidity, with flavors of morel/black forest mushroom, blood orange peel, and cardamom, finishing long with a subtle touch of French oak.



### Vineyard

Region:	California
Appellation:	Sonoma County
Sub-Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Soil:	Goldridge (Moon Dust) soil over clay loam
Age/Exposure:	Planted in 2007 Eastern/Southern Exposure
Clones:	Clone 777, 667 and David Bruce Selection
Eco-Practices:	CCOF certified organic and Regenerative Organic Certification (ROC)

### Winemaking

Varietals:	100% Pinot Noir
Aging:	15 months in 100% French oak with 56% new. 100% of all oak is from 36-month or more air-dried staves.

### Technical Details

Yeast:	100% ambient natural yeast fermentation with no malolactic culture.
Alcohol:	13.8%
Total Acidity:	6.62 g/L
pH:	3.48
Residual Sugar:	0.48 g/L