



2022 KANZLER 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

Kanzler Vineyard is a newer addition to the Arista portfolio, but its potential has long been evident. With 28-year-old vines, prized Goldridge soils, and expert organic farming by Russian River Valley veteran Eric Neil, the site delivers on its promise. Located in the cooler, southern end of the appellation near Sebastopol, the vineyard produces especially vibrant and expressive Pinot Noir from its light, sandy soils.

VINEYARDS

Planted in 1996, Kanzler Vineyard is one of the first sites on Sonoma's western edge, just eight miles from the Pacific Ocean. This 14-acre Russian River Valley vineyard highlights the potential of coastal California Pinot Noir. With well-draining Goldridge soils and cool ocean fog, the Dijon and Pommard clones ripen slowly, producing wines of remarkable complexity and finesse.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season in Sonoma County began early with low rainfall and a warm spring, followed by two frost events in the Russian River Valley. A mild summer and steady warming led to our earliest harvest—completed just before a major September heatwave. Despite the challenges, the vintage yielded aromatic, crystalline wines with elegance, depth, and distinctive character.

WINEMAKING

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

TASTING NOTES

The combination of the light, sandy Goldridge soils and decidedly cooler climate of this corner of the Russian River Valley yields an especially vibrant Pinot Noir. On the palate, the wine is packed with intensity yet so ethereal it's almost weightless, magically balancing a bouquet of violets and exotic spices with crushed wild berry and tart plum flavors. The 2022 Kanzler is arguably the most precise, crystalline, and exquisitely balanced of the Arista Pinots from the vintage. The purity here is exceptional, with vibrant red and blue fruit flavors lasting for a full minute on the finish.

VINEYARD

Region:	California
Appellation:	Sonoma County
Sub-Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Soil:	Goldridge soils
Age:	28 years old
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable practices

WINEMAKING

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	13.8%