



ARISTA

WINERY



2023 KANZLER VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley

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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 2023 vintage brought a long, slow growing season, thanks to a wet winter and cool spring that pushed ripening into October. For a site like Kanzler, this extended hang time was ideal. The fruit came in beautifully balanced, with bright acidity, moderate sugar, and excellent skin development.

WINEMAKING

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

TASTING NOTES

In the glass, the wine is strikingly perfumed—red currant, pomegranate, and wild strawberry rise from the glass, accented by fresh sage, rose petal, and sandalwood. The palate is layered and lifted, with precise flavors of blood orange, raspberry, and crushed stone that glide across a finely textured frame. The finish is long, detailed, and almost airy, showing the clarity and finesse that are becoming hallmarks of this site.

VINEYARD

Region:	California
Appellation:	Sonoma County
Sub-Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Soil:	Goldridge soils
Age:	Planted in 1996
Eco-Practices:	Organic

WINEMAKING

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	13.8%