

# ROUTE STOCK

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## 2023 PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST



### WINERY

RouteStock is an invitation to discover the deep roots of winemaking in Napa and Sonoma, planted firmly at each step of your journey through our vineyard sites. Every glass tells the story of Napa and Sonoma's remarkable fine wine heritage, from the famous routes that wind between the vineyards, to the roots that produce its world-renowned grapes. An endeavor of enduring Napa-based importer Wilson Daniels, RouteStock is established as a product that consistently over-delivers in quality at a very attractive price point.

### WINE

Since we started producing this wine for the RouteStock portfolio, we have had two consistent vineyard sources: one in the Petaluma Gap AVA and one located 1.5 miles from the coast. With the 2021 vintage, we are delighted to begin including our new estate vineyard, located in the Sebastopol Hills region of Russian River Valley, into the blend. Our estate vineyard makes up approximately 40% of the final blend and the other two sources make up the balance.

### VINEYARDS

2023 marks our third vintage of pinot noir sourced from the Sonoma Coast and our three vineyard sources remain the same, including our estate Moon Dust Vineyard in the Sebastopol Hills area of the southwest part of Sonoma Coast that has 11 acres of 16-year-old pinot noir vines with

six different clones. Our estate vineyard is augmented with two of our dedicated grape growers, one in the southeast part of the Sonoma Coast not far from the town of Sonoma and the other in the far northwest section.

### VINTAGE NOTES

After several tough years, the 2023 vintage felt like a dream. A wet winter set the stage for a healthy crop across all three Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir vineyards. Cooler temps delayed budbreak and bloom by about a month, and the mild summer led to a harvest 29 days later than 2022—all completed in a busy eight-day window.

### WINEMAKING

Each vineyard fermented with ambient yeast in open-top fermenters (10% whole cluster) and aged in 100% French oak (12% new). Natural malolactic fermentation occurred, and the wine stayed on gross lees for nine months without racking to build vibrancy and depth. No additives or commercial products were used.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine has a beautiful Burgundy color with spicy aromas of cardamom, red fruit, soy sauce and bay laurel. The flavors pop with red fruits, spice, white pepper, orange peel and black tea. The wine is dry, complex, medium-bodied, silky and seductive, all with savory lingering finish.

### VINEYARD

Region:	California
Appellation:	Sonoma Valley
Soil:	Volcanic mixed with clay, sandy loam, and goldridge
Age/Exposure:	16 year old vines Southwestern Exposure
Vineyard Size:	11 acres
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
Aging:	9 months in 100% French oak; 88% neutral and 12% new

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Indigenous
Alcohol:	13.4%
Total Acidity:	6.56 g/L
pH:	3.55

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