



*Our family creates wines of distinction for everyone.*

## 2023 Pinot Noir- 750ml

**Appellation:** Alexander Valley  
**Blend:** Pinot Noir 100%

**Harvest Date:** 9/16 - 9/29/23

**Alcohol:** 14%  
**pH:** 3.57  
**TA:** 5.4 g/L  
**RS:** 0.22 g/L

**Cases:** 3,840  
**UPC:** 0-85798 06872-2  
**SRP:** \$35

**First Vintage:** 1978

**Aging:** 11 months French oak, 25% new barrels

The Wetzel Family's Pinot Noir vineyards are planted along the banks of the Russian River, where the morning fog lingers and cools the vines. This elegant wine is produced from three clones- Dijon 777, for rich concentration and black fruit; Dijon 115, for soft tannins and perfume; Pommard for color and dark fruit; and 828 widely reputed to be progeny of a suitcase cutting from the famed La Tâche vineyard, for deep color and black fruits.

2023 began with heavy winter rainfall that delivered much needed moisture to the vines, followed by a long, cool growing season. Our Pinot Noir harvest occurred about one month later than prior years, but the long hang time allowed for the development of rich flavors. At harvest, the quality of the fruit was excellent with balanced acidity and intense flavors.

After the fruit was hand-harvested each lot was kept separate. The majority of the fruit underwent a 48-hour cold soak and was tank fermented, while winemaker Kevin Hall placed a small portion of the fruit in bins and mixed in dry ice for the first day in a technique known as cryoextraction. The dry ice fractured the grape skins, leading to deeper flavor and color extraction from the fruit. Fermentation was completed in half-ton macrobins. Eleven months aging in French oak barrels complemented the silky texture of the wine.

Our Pinot Noir is classically styled. Smooth texture and good acidity balance the solid core of fruit. Perfumed aromas of red and black cherry, plum, vanilla, and oak fill the glass. This silky, earthy wine has loads of finesse and flavors of fresh cherry, blueberry, plum, barrel spice, a hint of vanilla and slight floral notes. This is a bottle of Pinot Noir with the flavor profile and terroir expression of classic Burgundy at a bottle price you can enjoy everyday.

### **Profile:**

Elegant and silky, dark fruit flavors.

### **Pairing Suggestions:**

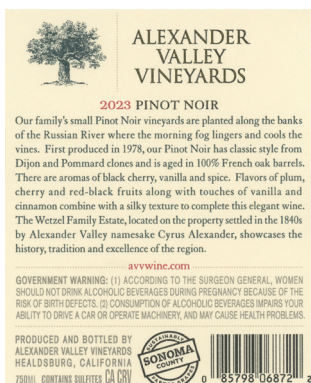
Pinot Noir is versatile- serve with both red and white meats. Our favorites include roasted chicken, mushroom risotto, grilled salmon, beef bourguignon and a skillet beef pot pie.

### **Accolades:**

**2022: 93 points** - California State Fair

**2021: 93 points "Editor's Choice"** - Wine Enthusiast

**2020: 95 points** - Beverage Dynamics/Cheers



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