

EL PINO CLUB

El Pino Club is for Pinot fanatics: people like us who love this fickle, funky grape that flouts expectations and always surprises. Our curated, exceptional Pinots hail from the coastal corners of the world where this grape thrives. As individual cast members they are an ode to the lands and hands that produce them, and as an ensemble, they celebrate the full range and charm of this legendary varietal.

THECUSP

The Cusp fully embraces the tension between Russian River fog and Sonoma sunshine. A proudly new-world Pinot, with a full, round body, packed with concentrated dark fruit, but beautifully balanced and unexpectedly complex.

VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season was drier than normal and received very little rain. The summer was mild which allowed for the fruit to hang a bit longer than usual. The vineyards and fruit load were managed according to how much water was available for each individual vineyard. There were a few hot spells in the early fall where some of the younger vineyards and vineyards with low water supply felt the effects. Overall, the 2021 growing season provided lower yields with good structure and well-balanced flavors.

VINEYARDS

Our Trenton Road Vineyard is located in the Russian River Valley AVA of Sonoma County, and ideally situated to benefit from morning fog and afternoon sunshine. From the vineyard's 45 acres, we selected fruit from eight blocks: Old Barn, Lions Ridge East, Richard's Ridge North, Pasta Boys Hill, Richard's Crown, Richard's Ridge South, and Lawn & Roller Coaster East. The grapes were hand-picked September 4-9, 2021.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of dried cherries, rose and magnolia are interwoven with light vanilla coffee and hints of pine needle and resin. Juicy concentrated strawberry and cherry compote flavors on the front palate are balanced by a weightier yet elegant mid-palate. Hints of vanilla bean pannacotta leads to a lingering, mouthwatering finish with bright coastal acidity.

WINE

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Varietal Comoposition: 100% Pinot Noir

Clones: Mt. Eden 37, Pommard 4, Swan 97, & 777

Aged for 17 months in 33% new French oak barrels
Francois Freres, Marsannay, D&J and Tremeaux

TA: 6.19 g/L | pH: 3.56 | Alcohol: 14.3%

