



## 2023 ROSELLA'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

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### ROSELLA'S VINEYARD

Rosella's Vineyard is the first property we planted to vine, and is the northernmost of our vineyards. Planted in 1996, it wraps around our family home and is named for Rosella, Gary's wife. Its rows are often laced with fog and plush lemon trees flank its western edge. The sandy loam soil allows good drainage, encouraging deep vine roots that add complexity in the wines. Our wines from Rosella's Vineyard are known for their expressive aromatics and smooth suppleness on the palate.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Enveloped in morning fog and rooted around our family home, Rosella's Vineyard gives rise to Pinot Noir of singular elegance and expressive detail. This vintage opens with layered red berry, cherry cream, and floral perfume, accented by jasmine tea and hints of leather. The medium-full palate is supple and textured, with a saline thread, subtle richness, and generous depth. A long, lifted finish lingers with the vineyard's hallmark sensuality.

### VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2023 season rewarded patience and precision. Generous winter rains of 22.5 inches, well above our typical 14 inches, replenished vines and fostered healthy canopies, minimizing irrigation needs. Budbreak, bloom, and veraison arrived about two weeks later than average. A mild spring and summer gave way to a long, gentle ripening period. A brief warm spell in early October pushed the fruit to optimal ripeness, leading to a brisk harvest that was later than normal. In the cellar, fermentations were slow and steady, allowing the wines to develop beautifully.

**Winemaker:** Scott Shapley  
**Appellation:** Santa Lucia Highlands  
**Farming:** Sustainable (SIP Certified)  
**Harvest:** October 5 - 14, 2023  
**Oak:** 100% French oak, 62% new  
**Aging:** 10 months in barrel  
**Alcohol:** 14.7%  
**Acid:** 3.65 pH  
**Production:** 455 cases made

**2023:** 96 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*  
**2022:** #19 Top 100 Wines, *Jeb Dunnuck*  
**2021:** 95 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*  
**2020:** Not produced due to CA wildfires  
**2019:** 95 pts, *Wine Enthusiast*  
**2018:** 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*  
**2017:** 94 pts, *Antonio Galloni's Vinous*  
**2016:** 94 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*