



2024 CLOS PEPE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

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Clos Pepe Vineyard, founded by Steve Pepe, quickly became a benchmark for quality in the Sta. Rita Hills. Nestled in an east-west valley just miles from the Pacific Ocean, the vineyard benefits from morning fog, bright sunshine, and cooling afternoon breezes. The sandy loam and calcareous shale soils add complexity and minerality, while the long growing season allows grapes to ripen slowly while retaining fresh acidity. The vineyard has been meticulously maintained with sustainable, organic, and biodynamic farming practices. The result is wines that balance power and elegance, reflecting the unique terroir of Sta. Rita Hills. ROAR Wines began working with Clos Pepe in 2020 after the red wine vintage was lost to the lightning complex fires.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Sourced from a renowned site in the Sta. Rita Hills, our sole wine from outside the Santa Lucia Highlands, this Pinot Noir shows a notably ripe and generous expression shaped by the region's marine-influenced climate. Aromas of dark cherry, dried fruit, toasted cream, and spice give way to violet and cocoa. The medium-full palate moves from foresty dark fruit into rounder red tones, finishing with notes of pencil shavings and hints of pomegranate and tobacco. Balanced acidity supports its depth and structure.

Winemaker: Scott Shapley

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills

Farming: Sustainable (SIP Certified)

Harvest: September 17, 2024

Clones: Pommard, 115

Oak: 100% French oak, 69% new

Aging: 10 months in barrel

Acid: 3.56 pH

Alcohol: 14.9%

2024: 90 pts, *Vinous*

2023: 95 pts, Wine Enthusiast

2022: 94 pts, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW

94 pts, Jeb Dunnuck

2021: 94+ pts, Jeb Dunnuck

93 pts, Wine Spectator

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TECH NOTE ARCHIVE

Vintage	Harvest	Days on Skins	Time in Barrel	Oak	Alc.	Bottle Date	Clones	pH
2024	9/17/24	20 days	10 months	French; 69% new (Remond, Francois Frerer, Latour)	14.9%	8/14/25	Pommard, 115	3.56
2023	10/9/23	29 days	10 months	French; 57% new (Francois Frerer, Remond)	14.9%	8/9/24	115, Pommard	3.7
2022	9/10/22	24 days	10 months	French; 60% new (Remond, Francois Frerer)	14.9%	8/2/23	Pommard, 115	3.72
2021	10/55/21	24 days	10 months	French; 80% new (Remond, Latour, Ermitage)	14.9%	8/24/22	667, 115	3.69
2020	9/25/20	21 days	11 months	French; 61% new (Remond, Francois Frerer, Ermitage, Latour)	14.8%	8/19/21	667, 115	3.76