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2023 PINOT NOIR Central Coast

Vineyards

Camel Hill Vineyards, Los Gatos

Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol: 13.9% pH: 3.60
Acidity: 0.63g/100ml
Production: 100 cases
Bottling Date: Aug 20, 2024
Release Date: Nov 8, 2025



Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Tasting Notes Aromas of cherry, raspberry, and strawberry mingle with hints of cinnamon, clove, and white pepper. Soft, supple tannins create a smooth, seamless finish. Perfect alongside mushroom risotto, stuffed mushrooms, or a mushroom-topped pizza.

The Magic Grapes were gently crushed and cold-soaked for three days. Fermentation followed in open-top fermenters over 10 days, with punch downs performed three times daily. After gentle pressing, the wine was transferred to stainless steel tanks for 10 days to initiate secondary fermentation. Finally, it was racked into French oak barrels (50% new, 50% once-used) for ten months of maturation, developing its character and complexity. Age up to 5 years with proper cellaring.

The Grape Pinot Noir can be difficult to grow, but planted in the right site, with meticulous care and attention, one is rewarded with a wine that is both delicious and intriguing. Pinot is an early maturing, cool climate variety associated with the Burgundy region of France, often using clones 115 and 667. It is valued for its ability to produce wines with structure, density, chewy texture, and great aromas.

The Land This Pinot is sourced from Camel Hill Vineyards above Lexington Reservoir in the Santa Cruz Mountains. This vineyard is at 900' in elevation, with east facing slopes. The soil is well drained sandy loam. This site is an excellent producer of the quintessential Santa Cruz Mountain Pinot with the desired skin-to-juice ratios and concentrated flavors.

The Season In 2023, Santa Clara County experienced one of the longest growing seasons in 20 years. The rain gods were busy all through May and June, with cool and wet spells. The summer was very mild with consistent warm temperatures. The abundant rainfall and warm temps, allowed the vine to produce a luscious canopy. In turn, the fruit had above average yields. The long season hang time, allowed for full fruit flavor development, along with intense classical fruit aromatics. Overall, an excellent vintage for a winemakers delight.



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