Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Chalk Hill 2023



Region

Sonoma County, California, is one of the most important winegrowing regions in the whole of the United States. Vines have been planted here since the 1850s and, apart from the inevitable hiatus brought about by Prohibition, the county`s relationship with wine has been prolific and unbroken. Sonoma Valley is located in the county`s southeastern corner, and effectively mirrors the shape and orientation of Napa Valley just across the Mayacamas Mountains. It encompasses Bennett Valley, Sonoma Mountain and the western half of Carneros – arguably California`s finest "cool-climate" terroir. The Sonoma Valley climate is famously blessed with cooling fog, which rolls in from San Pablo Bay in the summer months. When combined with cooling ocean breezes, this means that Sonoma Valley is sufficiently cool yet sufficiently sunny to create wines which are elegant, bright and intensley flavoured.

Producer

Chalk Hill Wine Estates were established in 1972 by Fred Furth, after he was flying his plane over the Russian River and caught his first view of a natural amphitheatre carved into the hills of eastern Sonoma. His intuition told him this would be a great vineyard. Nowadays the estate has 120 hectares under vine. The vineyards are spread throughout the Chalk Hill appellation and based between the cooler Russian River and warmer Alexander valley and has a broad typography and many different microclimates and all are farmed sustainably. Chalk Hill Wines have outstanding quality and are well regarded in Sonoma.

Tasting Notes

Chalk Hills Pinot Noir comes from their Trenton Road Vineyard based in the cooler Russian River Valley and is planted with six highly regarded clones. All fruit is carefully hand picked, native yeast fermentations and malolactic and after this the wine is matured in French barrels for 10 months (32% new). Elegant aromas and flavours of wild strawberry, black cherry, savoury mushrooms and typical forest floor characteristics. The palate is silky and beautifully balanced.

Food

Pairs perfectly with roast lamb, duck and game.

Technical Information

Country	United States
Region	Sonoma County
Grape(s)	Pinot Noir (100%)
Type	Red
Style	Rich
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Full bodied
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	14%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	**Milk:**	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:**	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes

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