

MARINE LAYER

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2023 LYRA

PINOT NOIR



VARIETAL
Pinot Noir

VINTAGE
2023

ALCOHOL
13.5%

REGION
Sonoma Coast AVA

CLONE
Calera, 667, Mt Eden,
Dijon 115 (various)

VITICULTURAL AREA

The 2023 Lyra Pinot Noir is a refined barrel selection drawn from our treasured vineyard sites across the Sonoma Coast AVA. Centered around the exceptional fruit from our Marine Layer Vineyard in the Sebastopol Hills, the 2023 blend is complemented by select lots from distinguished vineyard sites in Green Valley and Petaluma Gap. This wine highlights the region's remarkable range of climates, soils, and Pinot Noir clones; an inspiring foundation for thoughtful, expressive blending. The result is a wine that captures the layered beauty and character of the Sonoma Coast in every glass.

VINIFICATION

Fruit harvested by hand at night, hand-sorted and gently de-stemmed to keep whole berries intact, with 35% whole-cluster inclusion. Native yeast fermentation in open-top tanks with gentle pumpovers. After three weeks on the skins, wine was gravity drained overnight and barreled down for malolactic. Wine aged for 11 months in 25% new oak. Bottled unfined, lightly filtered.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Lyra is a vivid expression of the Sonoma Coast. Medium ruby in hue, it opens with aromas of cranberry, rose petal, and citrus peel, layered with subtle spice and wild herbs. The palate is vibrant and finely textured, with red fruit purity, refined tannins, and lively acidity. A touch of French oak lends polish, while a saline lift carries the finish. Energetic yet composed, this wine offers both immediate appeal and aging potential.

CRITIC REVIEWS

"The 2023 Pinot Noir Lyra is a fine introduction to the Marine Layer wines. Spice, crushed flowers, red berry fruit, and a kiss of French oak are all laced together. This open-knit, inviting Pinot is irresistible. The 30% stems are not evident -- instead, it is the fruit that speaks loudest. What a joyous wine this is." – Antonio Galloni, *Vinous* **92 points**

"A bright medium ruby color, the nose of the 2023 Pinot Noir Lyra is lifted and fresh, with focused, bright spice notes of ripe cranberries, cinnamon, fresh roses, and bright herbs. Medium-bodied, this carries seamlessly to the palate, with vibrant, fresh energy, fine tannins, and salty fresh accents. Drink 2025-2035." – Audrey Frick, *Jeb Dunnuck* **93 points**

