

2022 Pinot Noir, Zio Tony Vineyard, Russian River

Case Production: 122 / **SRP:** \$95.00

The Zio Tony Vineyard is a critically acclaimed vineyard located in Russian River Valley, where we have been sourcing our Laceroni Chardonnay from since 2013 and our Laceroni Pinot since 2021. 2022 is the very first vintage of our Zio Tony Pinot Noir. The 45-acre vineyard was planted in the early and mid-2000's. The cool climate and typical Goldridge soil offer unique characteristics that give this wine its bold profile. Soft rolling hills, protected from direct sunlight, allow for slow ripening. This Pinot Noir, meticulously farmed on a great site, is wonderfully balanced with lots of layers.

Closest Town: Graton

AVA: Russian River Valley

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: Mid-2000s

Clone(s): Dijon 667, Elite

Rootstock: 3309

Soil Type: Goldridge

Aspect: South/North Facing

Row Orientation: South/ North

The Vintage

Heavy rains in early November surprised us, but in hindsight, they were a blessing because they filled our reservoirs. Spring ushered in a long frost season, which lingered into mid-May. A cool summer allowed for an even development of the fruit. By early August, veraison pointed to a mid-September harvest, but Labor Day resulted in an extended heat spike, pushing harvest forward a week. By September 13th all of our fruit was picked. The 2022 wines are showing great freshness and acidity. Bright red fruit with delicious tannins frame the wine. These last vintages have taught us to be flexible and responsive to the season, rather than follow a set style. The 2022 wines are light on their feet, mirroring their Old World siblings.

Vintage: 2022

Harvest Date: September 5th

Harvest Brix: 25.3

Harvest pH: 3.5

Harvest TA: 5.8

Days in Tank: 18

Type of Tank: Small Open Top Stainless Steel

Barrel Program: 40% New French Oak: Millard, Francois Freres

Bottling Date: December 8th, 2023

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5%

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Blue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 40-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the highest quality.

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