

2023 Pinot Noir, 1861 Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

Case Production: 25 / **SRP:** \$125.00

This vineyard is named both for its street address and coincidentally for the year in which Agoston Haraszthy was appointed by California's governor to "promote the improvement and growth of the grapevine" in the state.

The 1861 vineyard is planted on a plateau in the hills, a thousand feet above the Sonoma Plaza. Less than half an acre, the small site divides itself naturally into two blocks, one rockier than the other. The site is planted to the Pommard clone on 101-14 rootstock with a narrow spacing of 4' x 5'.

Marine influence from both the Pacific Ocean and San Pablo Bay, combined with foggy mornings, allow the delicate pinot noir grapes to thrive in this rugged hillside setting.

Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

Rootstock: 101-14

AVA: Sonoma Valley

Soil Type: Rocky loam

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Aspect: Southern

Planted: 2008

Row Orientation: South/North

Clone(s): Pommard

The Vintage

The 2023 vintage will be remembered for many reasons. It was one of our wettest years in a long time, with over 40 inches of rain here in Carneros. Flowering was one of the latest on record (June 6th), followed by one of the latest harvests. In 2022, we had all of our grapes picked by Sep. 15th, in 2023 we had not even started. Our first lot was the 1861, which came in on September 24th. The first week of October was very busy for us, bringing in fruit from the Estate Anne Katherina Vineyard, Zio Tony Vineyard and Gaps Crown Vineyard. Our fruit was clean and the beautiful slow ripening helped develop delicate layers, soft tannins and intense flavors. Due to the cool weather, the acidity was maintained and added great structure to these delicious wines. 2023 was a year of patience, lots of canopy work, and trust. I am excited to share these wines with you.

Vintage: 2023

Type of Tank: Open Top T-bin

Harvest Date: September 24th

Barrel Program: 100% new French oak - Atelier

Harvest Brix: 22.8

Bottling Date: December 13, 2024

Harvest pH: 3.6

Bottling % Alcohol: 13.8%

Harvest TA: 4.6

Case Production: 25

Days in Tank: 15 days

SRP: \$125

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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