

2023 Pinot Noir, Zio Tony Vineyard, Russian River

Case Production: 220 / **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. 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 it's bold profile. Soft rolling hills, protected from direct sunlight, allow for slow ripening. This Pinot Noir, meticulously farmed on a great site, has it all: good structure, nice fruit profile, great balance and 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

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

Harvest Date: October 3rd

Harvest Brix: 25.5

Harvest pH: 3.42

Harvest TA: 5.1

Days in Tank: 17

Type of Tank: Small Open Top Stainless Steel

Barrel Program: 40% New French Oak: Remond, Atelier, Millard

Bottling Date: March 21st, 2025

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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