

## 2023 "Pleasant Hill" Pinot Noir



### *Vineyard Notes:*

Bob Jenkin's Pleasant Hill vineyard sits smack dab in the heart of Russian River Valley just west of the town of Sebastopol: one of those no-brainer spots for cool climate Pinot Noir. The vineyard itself is all Goldridge loam soils where Dijon, 115, 667, and 777 clones thrive. The exposure to sun is east to west and is tempered by cooler daytime highs (normally in the 70s and low 80s) throughout the summer growing season.

Charlie Chenoweth planted this spot in 2000, and has been sustainably farming it since. He and I are in lock step when it comes to vineyard management and rarely differ on what to do next.

This area is widely known for its foggy mornings from June through September, which is where the acidity comes from. The soils are well drained and the vines are healthy due, in part, to the lower annual yields that don't stress the plants. This low stress is also a big reason the wines are so voluptuous and centered around Bing cherry cola flavors.

Rainy winter, mild, cool spring and very cool summer leading to a late harvest.  
Normal yields, harvested 2.79 tons.

### *Winemaker's Tasting Notes:*

Stainless steel fermented, aged for 16 months sur lees in 100% French oak; 25% new oak. Darker shade of garnet in color.  
Gorgeous ruby in color. Big, expressive nose of Bing cherry cola and ripe plum. Secondary aromas of rose petal with hints of soy and cedar. Delicious mouthful of ripe red cherry, alpine strawberry and Bing cherry pie. Finishes long with flavors of plum, orange pekoe tea and Baker's chocolate.

### *Production:*

180 Cases

### *Alcohol:*

14.9%

### *Date Harvested:*

October 10th, 2023

