



2024 Vintage Notes

The 2024 vintage marks the final chapter in Arista's winemaking story, and fittingly, it is a year defined by balance, generosity, and composure.

Following a cool and restrained 2023 season, 2024 unfolded with slightly warmer conditions and a more forgiving rhythm. A wet and replenishing winter restored soil moisture and set the stage for healthy vine growth. Spring arrived evenly, with mild temperatures and excellent flowering conditions that resulted in consistent fruit set across our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir sites.



The growing season progressed without extremes. Summer temperatures were moderate by recent standards, with very few heat spikes and consistently cool nighttime lows. These diurnal shifts preserved acidity and aromatics while allowing flavors to develop fully. Compared to 2023, ripening in 2024 was more complete and timely, giving us greater flexibility in harvest decisions and slightly more natural ripeness in the fruit.

Harvest was steady and methodical, unfolding over an extended window. Fruit arrived at the winery with superb balance—moderate sugars, healthy acids, and phenolic maturity that required minimal adjustment. As always, our goal was not to chase scale or power, but to let vineyard character speak clearly.

In the cellar, the wines were guided with a light hand. Fermentations were clean and even, extractions remained gentle, and élevage emphasized precision over flamboyance. The resulting wines reflect both the strengths of the vintage and the cumulative experience of decades working with these vineyards.





The 2024 Pinot Noirs show a touch more generosity and flesh than the more tightly wound 2023s, while retaining the precision and freshness that define Arista. The slightly warmer season delivered wines with deeper mid-palate texture, supple tannins, and expressive aromatics.

Red and blue fruit tones are more immediately present—cherry, raspberry, and wild strawberry—supported by floral notes, subtle spice, and earthy undertones. Structurally, the wines remain poised and balanced, with enough concentration to age gracefully but an openness that makes them especially compelling in their youth.



The 2024 Chardonnays are marked by clarity, energy, and understated richness. Compared to the cooler, more incisive 2023s, the 2024 wines offer a slightly broader palate and more layered fruit expression, without sacrificing freshness or tension.

Citrus, orchard fruit, and stone fruit notes are complemented by saline minerality and a finely tuned integration of oak. Natural acidity remains a defining feature, giving the wines lift and longevity, while the added ripeness of the vintage brings a sense of completeness and ease.

A Final Reflection

The 2024 vintage is not about grand gestures. Instead, it offers nuance, transparency, and quiet depth—wines that reward attention rather than demand it. They are confident without excess, expressive without exaggeration.



As Arista's final vintage, 2024 stands as a fitting expression of what the winery has always aspired to: wines of site, balance, and longevity, crafted with intention and without compromise.



2024 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay brings together five exceptional sites—Flora Marie, El Diablo, Ritchie, Banfield, and our Westside Road Estate—into a complete expression of the appellation. The smooth, early-moving 2024 season delivered beautifully mature fruit with concentration, aromatic intensity, and freshness. Made with a lighter touch of new oak than our vineyard-designate wines, this cuvée balances the vintage's generosity with the precision and mineral character that define Arista Chardonnay.

The nose is open and expressive, unfolding with aromas of Meyer lemon, yellow apple, white peach, and citrus blossom, followed by subtle notes of wet stone and freshly baked brioche. The palate is silky and expansive, offering layers of lemon curd, crisp pear, and nectarine framed by bright, measured acidity. Extended lees contact lends a supple creaminess, while a thread of saline minerality brings energy and focus to the long, citrus-inflected finish.

Both generous and finely drawn, the 2024 Russian River Valley Chardonnay captures the harmony of an exceptional growing season—a fitting final expression of this signature Arista cuvée.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2034.

2024 EL DIABLO VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Rising along Windsor Ridge in the eastern Russian River Valley, El Diablo Vineyard occupies a steep, east-facing slope rooted in sandy Goldridge soils. Its exposure gathers the soft light of morning while avoiding the full force of the afternoon sun, giving the fruit ample flavor development without sacrificing the vineyard's characteristic drive and precision.

The generous 2024 growing season brings a broader, more expressive dimension to El Diablo. Notes of lemon curd, quince, ripe stone fruit, and chamomile emerge from the glass, joined by hints of beeswax, toasted almond, and flint. The palate is concentrated yet finely structured, with flavors of preserved citrus, crisp pear, and golden apple carried by bright, seamless acidity. A supple texture fills the mid-palate before notes of citrus oil, sea salt, and delicate barrel spice converge on a persistent, mineral-edged finish.

Powerful without heaviness, the 2024 El Diablo Chardonnay pairs the natural richness of the vintage with the vineyard's unmistakable clarity and drive.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2037.





2024 RITCHIE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Few California Chardonnay vineyards possess the history or unmistakable character of Ritchie. Planted in 1974, its oldest “Old Wente” vines occupy a gently sloping parcel of sandy Goldridge soil in the heart of the Russian River Valley. Arista works with the vineyard’s oldest and highest block, where naturally low yields produce a wine of exceptional concentration and longevity.

The 2024 Ritchie is expansive from the outset. Aromas of ripe stone fruit, mandarin, acacia honey, and fennel pollen rise from the glass, followed by hints of fresh ginger and toasted sesame. The palate is broad and glossy, unfolding with flavors of papaya, loquat, and tangerine marmalade. Its richness is balanced by a vibrant current of acidity and a subtle phenolic grip that gives the wine shape and texture. Savory notes of saffron, dried herbs, and brioche crust emerge on the finish, which is powerful, persistent, and remarkably composed.

Generous in scale but never excessive, the 2024 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay captures the authority of old vines and the completeness of an outstanding vintage. It is already compelling, though its deepest expression will come with patience.

Peak drinking window: 2028 through 2042.



2024 LONGBOW CHARDONNAY

Open and immediately expressive, the 2024 Longbow Chardonnay once again leans into a classic California sensibility. With 40% new oak in this vintage, the wine shows a beautifully integrated barrel influence, framing the fruit without overwhelming it. A blend of standout sites from across the Russian River Valley, the 2024 offers layers of baking spices, chamomile tea, Meyer lemon curd, yellow peach, grilled pineapple, honeycomb, toasted hazelnut, and a subtle saline minerality that keeps everything fresh and lifted.

The palate is supple and silky, but buoyed by bright acidity, finishing with a long echo of citrus oil and wet stone. Absolutely irresistible on release, this Chardonnay will gain further nuance and depth over the next decade if you can manage to keep your hands off it.

Peak drinking window: 2026 through 2036





2024 LONGBOW PINOT NOIR

The 2024 Longbow Pinot Noir continues the tradition of honoring our early Longbow blends, drawing from a barrel selection of standout Russian River Valley Pinot Noir sites. With a touch more new oak than our Russian River Valley appellation wines, this blend shows added structure and depth while maintaining the bright core of fruit that defines the Longbow style. Aromas of raspberry compote, blueberry, orange zest, and crushed mint rise from the glass, supported by subtle notes of barrel toast and bay leaf.

On the palate, the wine is energetic and concentrated, offering a lively mid-palate of red and blue fruits wrapped in fine, chalky tannins. The acidity is fresh but measured, creating harmony without sharpness. A cooling mint-leaf finish lingers, adding lift and definition. Delicious and approachable now, this Pinot Noir will continue to develop complexity and polish over the next decade.

Peak drinking window: 2026 through 2036



2024 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

The 2024 vintage in the Russian River Valley delivered a season of measured ripening and exceptional fruit quality. A cool spring gave way to warm, stable summer conditions, allowing for a slow, even maturation of the fruit.

This wine opens with a brilliant ruby hue and an expressive aromatic profile—red cherry, rose petal, and fresh raspberry are layered with subtle notes of citrus zest and forest floor. The palate is vibrant and finely etched, offering crisp red fruit, bright acidity, and refined tannins. A modest inclusion of whole clusters introduces a lifted floral component and gentle spice, adding dimension without weight.

Aged in 20% new French oak, the 2024 Pinot Noir is defined by its clarity, energy, and elegance. It is immediately appealing in its youth but will reward cellaring as the savory and floral notes continue to evolve.

Peak drinking window: 2026 through 2034.

2024 DEHLINGER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

The Arista 2024 Dehlinger Vineyard Pinot Noir represents a first vineyard designate for us, marking a meaningful moment in our portfolio. Dehlinger Winery has been a family-owned steward of estate vineyards in the Russian River Valley since 1975, and its reputation for expressive, site-driven Pinot Noir has become a benchmark in the appellation over five decades.

Sourced from the historic Dehlinger estate on Vine Hill Road—an old apple ranch first planted by founder Tom Dehlinger in the mid 1970s—the vineyard’s diverse Goldridge and Altamont soils support vines with remarkable depth and aromatic precision.

In the glass, this inaugural release reveals a bright ruby hue and refined aromatic intensity. The bouquet is defined by strawberry reduction and raspberry compote, interwoven with subtle floral highlights and spice. On the palate, the wine offers lively, energized red fruit, complemented by fine acidity and polished tannins that lend structure without heaviness. Layered flavors of fresh red berry, a hint of savory earth, and gentle spice carry through to a lingering finish.

Peak drinking window: 2026 through 2036.



2024 JOSEPH SWAN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

The Joseph Swan Vineyard is a living monument to the beginnings of Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley. First planted by Joe Swan in 1969, its heritage vines helped establish the collection of selections now commonly known as “Swan”—plant material that has profoundly influenced Pinot Noir throughout California. Access to this historic site has remained extraordinarily rare, making Arista’s small allocation both a privilege and a singular chapter in the vineyard’s history.

The 2024 is immediately compelling, opening with aromas of Morello cherry, hibiscus, mandarin peel, and black tea. With air, more savory elements emerge: juniper, star anise, black truffle, and a faint trace of toasted oak. The palate combines striking concentration with an almost weightless presence. Flavors of red plum, sour cherry, and tamarind are shaped by compact, tensile tannins that build steadily without obscuring the wine’s delicacy. The finish is persistent and quietly savory, leaving impressions of tea leaf, orange zest, and forest floor.

Both cerebral and deeply pleasurable, the 2024 Joseph Swan Vineyard Pinot Noir is a fitting conclusion to this remarkable collaboration—a wine whose complexity is measured not by volume, but by the detail it reveals.

Peak drinking window: 2028 through 2042+





2024 KANZLER VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Just south of Sebastopol, Kanzler Vineyard lies in a cool, wind-swept stretch of the Russian River Valley where ripening unfolds gradually and evenly. Farmed organically by Eric Neil and rooted in Goldridge soils, the site continues to reveal more nuance as the vines approach full maturity, offering a distinctly transparent expression of place.

The 2024 vintage shows a touch more fruit ripeness than the racy 2023 version while maintaining the vineyard's hallmark lift and precision. In the glass, the wine is dark ruby yet translucent, hinting at both concentration and finesse. The aromatics are notably lifted, with high-toned red fruits, delicate florals, and a subtle herbal edge. On the palate, the wine is bright and energetic, centered around crunchy red fruit with a lively, mouthwatering quality. The structure is fine and linear, with polished tannins and a persistent, refreshing finish.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2037.



2024 MONONI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Set along Olivet Lane in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Mononi Vineyard remains one of the most distinctive and enduring sites in our Pinot Noir program. This 3-acre vineyard surrounds the home of grower Paul Mononi, whose decades of experience and close stewardship of the land continue to define the character of this wine. We are proud to remain the sole producer from this special site.

A slightly warmer growing season in 2024 brings a touch more breadth and fruit density to the wine while preserving the vineyard's inherent balance. The nose is driven by black cherry alongside a vibrant mix of red and blue fruits, including raspberry, blueberry, and plum, woven together with subtle notes of spice and dried flowers. The palate is supple and expansive, with a deeper core of fruit than the previous vintage, yet it remains lifted by fresh acidity. Fine, polished tannins provide structure and carry through a long, resonant finish.

The 2024 captures a harmonious interplay between richness and energy, offering early appeal while retaining the structure to evolve beautifully in bottle.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2035.



2024 REULING VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Reuling Vineyard lies just south of Forestville on Laguna Ridge, where fog-draped mornings and Goldridge soils create an ideal setting for poised, expressive Pinot Noir. Reuling continues to reveal itself as a site of exceptional character—one that rewards patience, both in the glass and in the cellar.

The 2024 growing season allowed for deliberate picking and full phenolic development. The resulting wine is deeply aromatic with lifted notes of rhubarb, fresh violets, and crushed rose petals, wrapped around a core of alpine strawberry and wild cherry. With time, more subtle tones emerge—iron, cedar, black tea, and damp forest floor—adding gravitas to the wine’s purity. On the palate, the wine is tense and coiled, with a linear structure guided by bright acidity and firm, sculpted tannins.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2037.



2024 UV LUCKY WELL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Lucky Well Vineyard is perched at the top of Stoetz Ridge, the land mass that divides the true Sonoma Coast from the Russian River Valley. As such, the wine made from this site always expresses qualities from both regions: the high-toned wild berry fruit and earthiness of the Coast, and the power, richness, and complexity of the Russian River Valley.

The 2024 vintage is defined by its remarkable precision and structural elegance. In the glass, the wine displays its signature luminous, jewel-like ruby hue. The nose is a complex tapestry of wild strawberry, blood orange zest, and forest floor, accented by a distinctive savory note of wild thyme and the hard candy lift that defines this site.

On the palate, the wine is silken and expansive, offering a concentrated core of crunchy red fruit and black cherry. The tannins are impeccably integrated, leading to a long, precise finish marked by a hint of coastal salinity. This is a refined Lucky Well that marries the intensity of the ridge-top sun with the cooling influence of the Pacific fog.

Peak drinking window: 2027 through 2040.





2024 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

Our Estate Pinot Noir is the truest expression of Arista: fruit grown and harvested exclusively from our sustainably farmed Westside Road vineyard in the Middle Reach of the Russian River Valley. Planted in 2006 exclusively to heritage selections, this 10-acre site delivers Pinot Noir with both authority and precision—equal parts generosity and detail.

The 2024 vintage produced an Estate Pinot Noir with the deepest concentration and most vivid color in the lineup, yet it remains impeccably composed. The nose is immediate and striking—black cherry, boysenberry, and elderberry rise from the glass, followed by layers of violet, graphite, cocoa nib, and toasted brioche. With air, the aromatics broaden into hints of bergamot and crushed stone.

On the palate, the wine is plush but focused, driven by a dark-fruited core framed by fine-grained, polished tannins and a line of acidity that keeps the wine taut and lifted. The finish is long and resonant, tapering through black cherry skin, warm spice, and mineral tension.

This is a cellar candidate without question, but decanting in its youth reveals just how compelling the vintage is right now.

Peak drinking window: 2028 through 2042.