

# ASTON



## 2022 ASTON SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

The 2022 returns this bottling to 100% estate. You can see from the quantities that there wasn't much to go around from the vineyard, 16 tons from our 12.4-acre Annapolis site. After fermenting several lots individually, we landed on a 3-acre plot of clone 777 as the most generous and drinkable 2022 in the cellar and from that, the Sonoma Coast was created. This generosity is really what separates it from the Estate bottling. Both wines have the savage, savory leaning personality of this part of the west Sonoma Coast but the Sonoma Coast bottling is far more approachable at this point in its life. The color is a bit lighter, the tannins are sweeter and rounder and there's less of a brooding, reductive character compared to the Estate. The fruit is very high toned here too concentrating on black cherries and raspberries, orange peel and baking spices. There's also a white pepper quality that weaves its way into the back of the nose and the palate entry. Both color and palate weight are very medium which keeps the wine refreshing and projects an acidity beyond what its empirical numbers would indicate. The goal here is site character and immediate drinkability which happens to be the greatest attributes of the 2022 vintage and this bottling in particular.



## THE ESTATE

In 2001 after finding a very intriguing 40 acre parcel in a remote part of the northern Sonoma Coast, I established Aston Estate with partners Fred Schrader (Schrader Cellars, Boars' View) and Charles Sweeney (Vine Cliff). After planting 14 acres later that summer, we vinified our first vintage in 2004 under the Aston Experimental label. As the years passed and the partnership evolved, the one thing that never changed was my commitment to the Aston Estate project. In the beginning, the style was a bit bigger reflecting what was currently happening on the coast, the unpredictability of the weather, younger vine characteristics and the logistics of hauling the fruit out of this remote site. With better access to the site, more vineyard activity in the area and older vines, it has become easier to take the quality of the fruit to exactly where we want it out at the Estate. There have been a few turning points out here in terms of wine quality. After tasting every single wine we've made from the estate a couple months ago, it was clear 2009 and 2015 ushered in new eras of quality.

In 2021 I was offered the chance to own Aston outright. I knew immediately there was no way I could let this get away. After investing 20+ years of effort into this now mature 14 acre plot of Pinot Noir, I'm proud to announce this will be part of the growing winemaking family for years to come.

### APPELLATION:

*Sonoma Coast*

### VARIETAL:

*100% Pinot Noir*

### BARREL AGING:

*100% French Oak  
10% New (Ermitage, Francois  
Freres, Remond)*

### ALCOHOL:

*14.5%*

### TOTAL PRODUCTION:

*303 Cases*