

ASTON



2024 ASTON SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

Our biggest blend ever thanks to a bountiful year makes for our most complex Sonoma Coast to date. Comprised of small pieces of clones 116, 667 and 777 from the estate combined with Chouette Vineyard from Green Valley and two historically Rivers-Marie pointed vineyards, Riddle and Joy Road, there was a lot of amazing material to choose from in 2024. Like the 2023, this speaks more of the Sonoma Coast rather than just our northwest corner in Annapolis. The Estate brings the traditional savory, savage quality that's unique to the area, Chouette offers plums, mulberry, black cherry and violets and the Occidental locations veer toward pure red and crunchy. Generosity is provided by the vintage while completeness is offered up by the blend. There's a deliciousness that this shares with the 2023, it makes it very hard to stop at one glass. I've always found that trait most common in Pinot Noir and here it's amplified by both 2024 and the combination of high-class Sonoma Coast and West Sonoma Coast sites. On the finish, the Estate fruit takes over turning the wine to wintergreen, sandalwood, baking spices and darker fruit. With an abundance of acidity and only 10% new oak, the varietal purity of this wine makes the finish long and compelling.



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:

13.9%

TOTAL PRODUCTION:

1,724 Cases