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Critical Acclaim for DuMOL's 2023 Vintage
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2023 Pinot Noir DuMOL Estate Vineyard

The 2023 Pinot Noir DuMOL Estate Vineyard is positively stunning. A blend of Calera and Swan, the 2023 dazzles from start to finish. It embodies all the elements of the DuMOL house style. Vibrant and persistent, the 2023 offers tremendous textural intensity and fine, fine balance. Red/purplish fruit, blood orange, mint, cloves and lavender build into the long, sustained finish. Quite simply, this is one of the very best wines I have ever tasted at DuMOL.

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2023 Chardonnay *Isobel* Charles Heintz Vineyard

The 2023 Chardonnay *Isobel* Charles Heintz Vineyard was brought in on October 12 and 14, very late by historical standards. It captures all the magic of this site in its oily texture and breadth. Citrus confit, white pepper, flowers and crushed rocks are all beautifully delineated. For readers who want to know what Charles Heintz Chardonnay is all about, this is it!

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2023 Pinot Noir MacIntyre Estate

The 2023 Pinot Noir MacIntyre Estate is another hugely promising wine from DuMOL. Dense and packed to the core, the 2023 possesses tremendous density from start to finish. The 2023 is all Calera clone, 100% destemmed. Today, it comes across as rather somber, not as exuberant as the 2021, but far more complete than the 2022. Savory overtones linger on the close.

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2023 Chardonnay DuMOL Estate Vineyard

The 2023 Chardonnay DuMOL Estate Vineyard is elegant, lifted and classy. Floral overtones and bright, citrus-driven fruit are so alive. Time in the glass brings out the wine's textural richness and resonance. The 2023 is impeccable. I can't wait to taste it from bottle.

(94-96)

2023 Chardonnay *Chloe*

The 2023 Chardonnay *Chloe* is a blend of fruit from Flora Marie and Bressay. It presents a distinctly tropical fruit profile to match its textured, opulent personality. There's plenty of brightness and acid to play off its more overt qualities. Readers who like richer wines (within this context) will find much to admire. Peach, apricot, chamomile and lightly honeyed notes extend the finish.

(93-95)

2023 Syrah *Eddie's Patch*

The 2023 Syrah *Eddie's Patch* was racked a few days before this tasting, which comes through in the wine's dark, brooding personality. Blackberry, gravel, leather, lavender and cloves are all dialed up in this tightly coiled Syrah. I did not catch this at the best time, yet there's a lot of potential here.

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2023 Pinot Noir *Ryan*

The 2023 Pinot Noir *Ryan* is a powerful wine. The blend is 80% Widdoes (Martini clone) and 20% Jentoft (Calera clone), with the savory, earthy character of Widdoes front and center. The *Ryan* is fascinating to taste in this context, as it is very aromatic and leafy but boasts the same fruit density that comes through in all the DuMOL Pinots.

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2023 Syrah Wild Mountainside

The 2023 Syrah Wild Mountainside shows just how compelling the vintage is here, for Syrah as well. Blue/purplish fruit, lavender, spice, menthol, black pepper and espresso infuse the 2023 with tons of character. This is impeccably done.