

RAEN

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THE 2023 VINTAGE

A Vintage to Remember

The 2023 vintage on the west Sonoma Coast is one of the best we have experienced since founding RAEN.

The growing season began with heavy winter rainfall, cleansing the thirsty forests, rivers, and meadows, nourishing our vines and all the microflora, fauna, and nature surrounding them. A cool, breezy spring gave way to a beautiful, mild summer. As harvest approached, coastal fog engulfed the grapes, sunlight shone softly above, and with each day, slowly and evenly, the grapes approached ripeness. As we began harvest without rush, the beautiful aromatics from each of our sites slowly began to fill the cellar air. The cool 2023 growing season on the Coast has imparted its mark of near perfection for what we love in wine - lifted aromatics, elegance, and depth that reflect the incredibly biodiverse sites where our vines are rooted.

Enjoyable now, this vintage is one we can't wait to tuck away in the cellar and watch evolve for many more decades to come.

2023 SEA FIELD VINEYARD, FORT ROSS-SEAVIEW

Varietal	PINOT NOIR
Vineyard	4.8 ACRES
Farming	ORGANIC & REGENERATIVE PRACTICES
Soils	Boomer Loam, Goldridge, and Hugo Atwell Complex
Clones	777
Fermentation	100% WHOLE CLUSTER & NATIVE
Alc %	13%
Winemaker	MELANIE MCINTYRE
Proprietors / Winegrowers	CARLO & DANTE MONDAVI

From a rugged and remote pocket of Fort Ross-Seaview, this 4.8-acre monopole vineyard represents our most elegant terroir. The vines are rooted deeply in an ancient seabed that dates back more than 200 million years ago and soar high above the sea at over 1,000 feet in elevation. Mere miles from the ocean, this is our highest elevation and most coastal pinot noir bottling. Rose petals, raspberry, purple flowers, and wild strawberry all fill the bowl, followed by notes of freshly picked wild raspberries, sea moss, and white tea. On the palate, ripe red berries persist, followed by blood orange pith, chamomile flower, and wet rock with a kiss of salinity, transporting us to the Sea that sits just beyond our Sea Field site. Violet floral notes and hints of crushed wild berries follow, elegantly leading into an incredibly long and vibrant finish.

