

Wrath

2023 Wrath Pinot Noir, Tondré Grapefield

Overview

Wrath represents a nexus of nature and an unbridled passion for winemaking. We produce site-driven Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, Falanghina and Sauvignon Blanc from our estate vineyard and respected properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Our production is small, our distribution is limited and our wines reveal attitude, passion, and an inherent respect for what a vineyard can give us.

Philosophy

Our wines are a record of the topography, geology and climate of a finite, naturally defined piece of land over the span of a growing season. They chronicle the elaborate dance between terroir, grape, people and time. While all of our wines possess strong varietal characteristics, their real strength is their ability to deliver the unique aromatics, flavors and textures of a specific site.

Vineyard

When Father Tondré and son Joe Alarid originally founded Tondré Wines, their desire was to produce a limited-production, world-class Pinot Noir. In 1997 they planted the first six and a half acres of their Tondré Grapefield vineyard on a gravelly bench above the Salinas Valley in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Today, the 100-acre Tondré Grapefield vineyard is considered a marquee source of Pinot Noir by many of California's top producers. Tondré Grapefield is certified sustainable (SIP).



Production Notes

The 2023 vintage in California was a challenging year in some areas because of freezing temps during the time of fruit set and two heat streaks late summer. However, since our climate is consistently so cold, grape clones grown in our area took the cold in stride. Also, since our grapes are usually harvested a month later than Napa & Sonoma, the higher temps in late August only served to fully ripen grapes resulting in layers of rich flavors. All our Single Vineyard Pinot bottlings go through a similar production regimen. This allows the focus to be on the terroir of each vineyard. Hand harvested and hand sorted, the grapes are cold soaked for three days before inoculation. Clonal lots are kept separated in small open-top bins during fermentation and 20% of the bins go through whole cluster fermentation. Close monitoring ensures that production stages are implemented at optimal periods. The young wine is racked into an assortment of barrels, only French oak, from various tonnelleries for added complexity. This wine was barrel aged for 10 months before filtering, bottling and laying down for another 12 months of bottle aging before release.

Technical Data

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	Tondré Grapefield
AVA	Santa Lucia Highlands
Clones	Pommard 4-40%; 115-40%; 943-20%
Oak	French oak, 25% new
Alcohol	14.4
Cases produced	374
SRP	\$55