



ANDER JON VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2022

Anderson Valley, United States

OVERVIEW

Merry Edwards Winery was founded in 1997 and produces terroir-driven, single-vineyard wines from 80 acres of estate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The winery is known for crafting Pinot Noirs of immense depth, elegant structure and exceptional longevity as well as its aromatic, barrel-aged Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc, which is among the most sought after made in California. A single-vineyard Chardonnay and Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc round out the portfolio.

Merry Edwards Winery has long produced a Russian River Valley appellation blend Pinot Noir that highlights the best characteristics of the AVA. That is also the goal in producing an Anderson Valley appellation blend Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine come from vineyards located in the warmer Boonville area, from organic sources in Philo and the cool Deep End, making it a true reflection of the primary grape-growing zones of the valley.

Vineyard sources include:

- Carney Ranch: in the warm area near Boonville
- Dach Vineyard: a certified organic and biodynamic vineyard located at Domaine Anderson's winery home in Philo
- Pinoli Vineyard: in the sunny but cool Deep End of the valley where the fruit can hang long and ripen fully

Grapes were hand-picked and hand sorted in the field and at the winery. 100% destemmed with whole berries added to the fermenter and cold soaked for three days. Aged 10 months in 42% new French oak and bottled in July 2023.

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

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INOT NOIR

AGING:

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This newly released AVA expression features grapes from vineyards located in the warmer Boonville area, from organic sources in Philo and from the cool Deep End, making them true reflections of the primary grape-growing zones of the Anderson Valley. Bristling with white-peppered cranberries, Italian herbs, cherry pipe tobacco, and sweet soil. Acidity is racy, lifting pomegranate, red licorice, and forest floor to a high pedestal of intensity.



This is the first vintage of the 2022 Pinot Noir Anderson Valley. Coming from three vineyards -- Carney Ranch in Boonville, Dash Vineyard, and Pinoli Vineyard - it was aged for 10 months in 42% new French oak. It pours a medium ruby color and has a great mountainous feel, with lovely fresh herbs, wild raspberries, brambly herbs, wildflowers, and woodsy spices. Medium-bodied on the palate, it's lovely and refined, with a clean, silky texture and a mouthwatering finish. It's very attractive now but will improve over the next 7-8 years if given a chance.

Wine Spectator

Mulled strawberry, raspberry and damson plum notes carry a pretty rose petal accent in this charming red, while a sandalwood accent frames the finish.