



MERRY EDWARDS
WINERY AND VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

At home in the Russian River Valley since 1977, Merry Edwards has explored its hills, pockets, slopes and hollows, discovering small sites where choosing the right rootstock, clone and farming techniques can produce exceptional grapes. This led her in 1996 to purchase land in the Sebastopol Hills region of Russian River Valley. Today, winemaker Heidi von der Mehden succeeds Merry's winemaking journey, becoming the only other person to hold that position at Merry Edwards Winery other than Merry herself.



MEREDITH ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2021

Sonoma County, United States

OVERVIEW

In 1996, Merry purchased this 24-acre site, an abandoned apple orchard southwest of the Sebastopol city limits. Two years later, she converted the entire parcel to Pinot Noir. Meredith Estate vineyard grows in an area known locally as the Sebastopol Hills. On this cool southern edge of Russian River Valley, summer fog shrouds the area, typically until midday. Vine growth and crop load are carefully monitored and maintained, and irrigation requirements are precisely determined by measuring the moisture content of the grape leaves.

We are now farming all of Meredith Estate organically and intend to attain certification in the near future, but stewardship of this site has always included the use of sustainable, renewable farming practices. Cover crops are maintained between the vine rows, reducing erosion of the steep, sloping terrain and supporting beneficial insects. Natural amendments, including grape pomace and mushroom compost, replenish the soil with micronutrients. Owl boxes and hawk perches encourage natural control of rodents and other pests, and bluebird boxes are being installed to aid insect control.

WINEMAKING

All grapes are hand-picked at night and hand-sorted in the vineyard and at the winery. 100% de-stemmed and cold soaked for six days. Fermented in small lots so that individual clones can be treated respectfully. A combination of Dijon 667 and Merry's own UCD37 clones are highly successful on this site and thus forms a strong foundation for this stunning wine. Vegan-friendly.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Meredith Estate features floral essences of peony, plumeria and rose. The nose of this deeply layered wine offers hints of toasted nuts, Bing cherry, tangerine and cedar. Seductive and silky tannins mark the entry, with black cherry, dark chocolate and fresh earth leading to a long, elegant finish.

VARIETALS:
100% Pinot Noir

NEW OAK:
55% new oak

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POINT
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Fascinating aromas to this with dark fruits and flint with iron shavings. Ink. Bark and mushroom. Full-bodied with juicy supple tannins. Deep and serious. Dark at the end. Thoughtful complexity.

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POINT
Decanter

The Meredith Estate is wholly enticing, with a richly aromatic dark berry and sweet spiced nose nuanced by espresso and toasted cedar wood that merely hints at the delicious wine to come. Full-bodied and exceedingly powerful, sporting succulent dried Bing cherry, clove and tangerine peel framed by velvety chocolate-tinged tannins. It's a beautifully voluminous Pinot Noir that is irresistibly fresh and lifted by zesty acidity while never shying from its unapologetic, deeply penetrating core of juicy, young, sweet fruit. A balanced finish brings the wine right into focus.

