

Our family creates wines of distinction for everyone.

2024 Pinot Noir- 750ml

Appellation: Alexander Valley	Blend: Pinot Noir 100%	Harvest Date: 8/28 – 9/3/24	Alcohol: 14%	Cases: 5,100
First Vintage: 1978	Aging: 11 months French oak, 25% new barrels		pH: 3.53	UPC: 0-85798 06872-2
			TA: 5.5 g/L	SRP: \$35
			RS: 0.81 g/L	

The Wetzel Family's Pinot Noir vineyards are planted along the banks of the Russian River, where the morning fog lingers and cools the vines. This elegant wine is produced from four clones- Dijon 777, for rich concentration and black fruit; Dijon 115, for soft tannins and perfume; Pommard for color and dark fruit; and 828 which is widely reputed to be progeny of a suitcase cutting from the famed La Tâche vineyard, for deep color and black fruits.

2024 may well be one of the best vintages in the past fifty years. Abundant winter rainfall, a cool spring, and warm temperatures during the peak growing season combined with late summer mild temperatures and cool nights enabled the grapes to achieve a beautiful balance of high acidity and layered flavors at harvest.

After the fruit was hand-harvested each lot was kept separate. The majority of the fruit underwent a 48-hour cold soak and was tank fermented, while winemaker Kevin Hall placed the fruit harvested from clone 828 in bins and mixed in dry ice for the first day in a technique known as cryoextraction. The dry ice fractured the grape skins, leading to deeper flavor and color extraction from the fruit. Fermentation was completed in half-ton macrobins. Eleven months aging in French oak barrels complemented the silky texture of the wine.

Our Pinot Noir is a classic with elegant and refined flavors. Perfumed aromas of red and black cherry, plum, vanilla, and oak fill the glass. Smooth texture and bright acidity balance the lush core of fruit. This is a silky wine with bright flavors of fresh cherry, blueberry, plum, barrel spice, a hint of vanilla and slight floral notes. It is hard to find a better bottle of Pinot Noir at this price!

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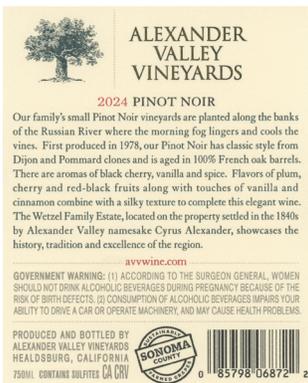
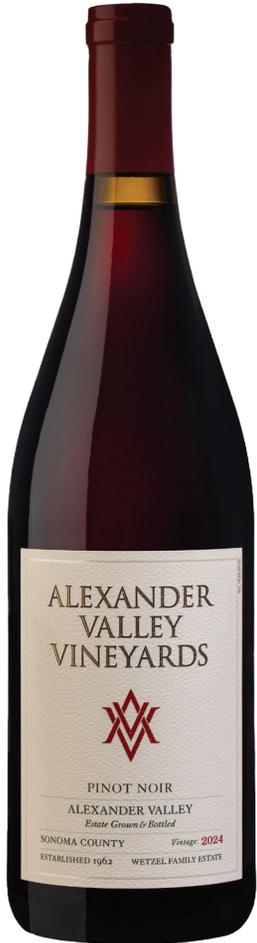
Elegant and silky, dark fruit flavors.

Pairing Suggestions:

Pinot Noir is versatile- serve with both red and white meats. Our favorites include roasted chicken, mushroom risotto, grilled salmon, beef bourguignon and a skillet beef pot pie.

Prior Accolades:

- 2022: 93 points** - California State Fair
- 2021: 93 points "Editor's Choice"** - Wine Enthusiast
- 2020: 95 points** - Beverage Dynamics/Cheers



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