

## VAUGHN DUFFY WINES 2022 Pinot Noir Sonoma County SRP: \$38

Release Date: September 2023

**Vineyards:** This is our third vintage of Sonoma County Pinot Noir. Our goal for this wine is to showcase the outstanding Pinot Noir that can be made across the many AVAs of Sonoma County. This diversity creates a Pinot Noir of complexity and also an opportunity to offer a Pinot bottling that provides high quality and value to the consumer. Our 2023 bottling is primarily from a vineyard Bennett Valley, an often-overlooked AVA in Sonoma County.

**Vintage:** The 2022 vintage was challenging due to multiple years of drought conditions. Yields were down and we also experienced a record-setting heat spike after Labor Day weekend. Fortunately, our Sonoma County Pinot Noir was grown in a cooler area and was able to withstand and recover from the heat event.

## Winemaking

- The wine aged in French oak barrels (25% new) for 10 months
- 188 cases were bottled unfined and unfiltered on August 11, 2023
  - Alcohol: 14.5%, pH: 3.8, T.A. 6.0 g/L

**Tasting Notes:** Our 2022 version of this wine highlights the fruit intensity found of the vintage. The black cherry, red plum and baking spice aromatics hint at the fruit and spice interplay that dances on the palate. The layered textures opens up to flavors of strawberry preserves, cranberry and notes of savory fresh herbs.