BOARS'VIEW

BOARS' VIEW BDR PINOT NOIR

Vintage 2023

Vineyard Boars' View Estate

Appellation Fort Ross-Seaview, West Sonoma Coast

Varietal 100% Pinot Blend of Calera, Mt. Eden

Clones and Swan

Cooperage 10 months in a mix of French oak barrels

Winemaker Thomas Rivers Brow



PROFILE

This vintage produced a striking, structured wine marked by crisp minerality and a refreshing salinity. The sauvage bramble fruit is complemented by notes of crushed rock and mouth-watering acidity. In the glass the wine exhibits a dark ruby hue. Aromatic notes suggest boysenberry, purple lilac, ocean air, rhubarb and rose oil. The palate is marked by a densely layered dark fruit core suggesting plum reduction, quince, river rock, lavender and pomegranate. This is one of the finest vintages we have had the pleasure of working with in many years. — *Thomas Rivers Brown, Winemaker*

VINTAGE

Winter rains, which continued into the late Spring, were incredibly beneficial for our wells and groundwater supply. The cool Spring kept soil temperatures low and delayed budbreak. Once the vineyard woke, the cover crop flourished as did the vigorous canopy growth going into the Summer months. June – August, we experienced mild temperatures with almost no heat spikes. This cooler, moderate trend continued into the Fall, and harvest occurred a few weeks later than typical for the Boars' View Estate. The prolonged hang time allowed for the fruit to develop exceptional levels of maturity and complexity across the board. All blocks were handpicked at night and delivered to the winery in the early hours of the day. This was a classic West Sonoma Coast growing season.

VINEYARD

Boars' View Vineyard is located two ridgelines in from the Pacific coastline where the microclimate ideally balances the cooler morning marine influences with warmer midday and afternoon temperatures. The site was developed by legendary vineyard manager Ulises Valdez Sr. working hand-in-hand with brilliant winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown. After extensive soil assessment, the duo determined California heritage clones would thrive in the warmer region and planted Calera, Mt. Eden and Swan clones in the predominantly Goldridge loam soil of the mid-saddle and lower sections. Atop the hill, the silty clay soil was selected for growing Chardonnay and Wente clone was planted. Valdez & Sons continues to meticulously tend our vines and each year brings forward the finest crop from which Thomas and his team can handcraft the most expressive wines possible.

CRITICAL REVIEW

95+ From the lower part of the vineyard, with more richness and depth, the 2023 Pinot Noir BDR is a deep red color and opens to dark notes of cherries, dark berries, mossy earth, wild herbs, and dark earth. Full-bodied, it has ample fruit on the palate with a dark mineral undercurrent. Tightly coiled and nervous, with a structured grip, it's going to benefit from another year in the bottle, when I anticipate it will improve. Drink 2027-2047. -Audrey Frick, www.jebdunnuck.com