

2022 Kanzler Vineyards

Pinot Noir RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

KANZLER
VINEYARDS



WINEMAKER: Alex Kanzler
REGION: Russian River Valley, California
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
MATURATION: 14 months in French oak barrels
ALCOHOL: 14.4% alc/vol

REGION: The Kanzler family takes pride in the majority of the Russian River Valley Pinot Noir coming from the renowned estate vineyard. The wine embodies the complex, lithe character of the Sebastopol Hills. Kanzler Vineyard was planted in 1996, southwest of the Sonoma County town of Sebastopol, in an ideal location for Pinot: well-drained Goldridge soil, sunny summers, ocean breezes, and fog.

WINEMAKING: Handmade by winemaker Alex Kanzler. The Kanzler family picked the grapes at night and sorted them twice. After a 5-day cold soak, they raised the temperature to initiate fermentation by native yeasts. When they tasted the proper structure, it was time to gently basket-press. Then they selected barrels to complement each lot. After 15 months and careful blending, the wine was bottled unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES: The heart of this wine is Kanzler Estate Vineyard, which along with there Estate Walker Station Vineyard and a few neighboring sites give us the raw material to craft a wine that is uniquely Kanzler and classically Russian River Valley. Rose petal, nori, Bing cherry, and black tea jump out of the glass along with a briny freshness that is unique and succulent.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts/Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT KANZLER VINEYARDS: Kanzler Vineyards is a small family-owned winery that produces intensely exquisite Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County. Steve and Lynda Kanzler were one of the first to plant grapes in the Sebastopol Hills in western Sonoma County on a former apple orchard situated 8 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Their first harvest was in 2000 and they initially sold grapes to wineries including notable names such as Kosta Browne, Landmark, Flowers and Gary Farrell - most of whom remain loyal customers for the coveted Kanzler Pinot Noir. The family has evolved from grape farmers to winemakers. Second-generation vintner Alex Kanzler gained valuable winemaking experience in Sonoma County, Willamette Valley and New Zealand wineries before joining Kanzler Vineyards full-time in 2011 as Winemaker. Alex and his wife Breuna now run the small family business.

