

# 2022 Kanzler Vineyards

## Pinot Noir RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

**KANZLER**  
VINEYARDS



**WINEMAKER:** Alex Kanzler  
**REGION:** Russian River Valley, California  
**VARIETALS:** Pinot Noir (Dijon 667, 115, Pommard 4 clones)  
**MATURATION:** 14 months in French oak barrels  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.4% alc/vol

**REGION:** The Kanzler family takes pride in the fact that the majority of the Russian River Valley Pinot Noir comes from their 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 14 months and careful blending, the wine was bottled unfiltered.

**TASTING NOTES:** Composed of a majority (57%) Estate fruit, and a sizable portion (18%) Mes Filles vineyard, the 2022 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir has a coastal lean to it. The Sebastopol Hills area of the Russian River Valley AVA gets the most coastal marine influence and this wine shows the hallmarks of this terroir: dark color, structured mouthfeel, and vivid berry fruit backed by an array of warm spices. This wine will pair well with rich foods and will age in the cellar gracefully for 10+ years.

**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 Breana now run the small family business.

