

# WENTE

VINEYARDS



## Riva Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir

Country:	United States	Region:	Monterey, CA
Type:	Red	Varietal:	Pinot Noir
Format:	12 x 750ml		

BC	AB	SK	MB
+25874	+25874		+890285
Speculative	Open	SO	PWS

## TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Light garnet red.

**Aroma:** This Pinot Noir has aromas of cherry, strawberry and vanilla, with hints of toasted oak, earth and cigar box.

**Taste:** Shows flavours of black cherry and vanilla, undertones of earth and spice are followed by a long fruity finish.

**Food:** Grilled pork chop, bbq ribs and filet mignon.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2020 ~ "This single-vineyard Pinot Noir, sourced from the relatively cool-climate Monterey region, delivers plum, cherry, wet earth and savoury spice notes on the nose. It's light-plus-bodied and dry, with tart cherry and raspberry flavours coming with plum and earthy notes, medium acidity, lighter tannins and a slightly warm finish (it's 14 per cent alcohol). Decidedly New World in style, it never gets overly jammy or hot, and manages to retain some elegance." - Ben Sigurdson, Winnipeg Free Press, Oct/2022

2020 ~ "Black tea and floral aromas on the nose with sweet cherry notes. Peppery and savoury palate." - Decanter World Wine Awards 2023

## OTHER INFO

This wine was previously known as Reliz Creek Pinot Noir. From the 2012 vintage onwards, Wente has changed the name to reflect the single vineyard origins. Since the early 1960's, Wente Vineyards has been growing Pinot Noir in the Arroyo Seco region of Monterey. This wine was named after the creek that runs through the Estate vineyards. Arroyo Seco is the ideal region to grow this Burgundian varietal because of the long, cool growing season, which allows the grapes to fully ripen and develop deep fruit flavors. The gravelly-loam soils found here, rich with shale and limestone deposits, impart desirable earthy and mineral qualities to the wine. There are several blocks dating back to 1963, which are planted with the old Pommard and Martini clones. Neighboring these are much more recent, high-density plantings that include a variety of new clones. All of the fruit is hand picked and sorted.



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