



PINOT NOIR
ZIO TONY RANCH VINEYARD • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
2022



2021 VINTAGE

95 points- *J. Molesworth, Wine Spectator*
96 points – *Audrey Frick, Jeb Dunnuck*

2019 VINTAGE

95 points - *Antonio Galloni, Vinous*
95+ points - *Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate*

WINEMAKING DETAILS

Fermentation: 100% neutral French Oak; 100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily battonage

Oak: 50% new French Oak,
50% neutral French Oak, 10 months

Case Production: 512

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Gold Ridge & Clay Loam
Clones: 115, 777, 828

WINEMAKER

Courtney Robinett Wagoner

GROWING YEAR

The 2022 growing season was full of ups and downs, keeping our winemaking team on their toes. The season started out with ideal conditions with early rains helping to push bud break into Spring. While we encountered instances of shatter (a grape berry fails to develop because of incomplete pollination) due to frost, this was limited to specific vineyards. Meticulous attention was given to addressing this issue, as we diligently assessed each block and thinned any clusters affected by shatter. Thankfully, the summer months offered the optimal combination of warm days and perfectly cool nights. However, Labor Day weekend launched what has been marked as one of the most heat-intensive 7-day periods on record for Sonoma County, resulting in a significant number of vineyards reaching their ripening stage simultaneously.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Zio Tony Ranch is named after Lee Sr.'s uncle Tony who was the first in the Bondi family to be born on American soil. Zio Tony, Zio meaning 'uncle' in Italian and pronounced 'tseo', was a very charismatic man with a big booming voice who loved a good time. When Zio Tony passed away in 1971 his nephew, Lee Martinelli, Sr., took over management of the estate. The love of his family's heritage land was too great for Lee to sell the property and in one short season, he went from High School teacher to Apple Farmer. Eventually, this apple orchard was converted to vineyards, as the market for apples grew unbearably soft. The vines are planted on rolling hills made up of Gold Ridge soil.

TASTING NOTES

With sweet and very fragrant aromas capturing your nose with black cherry, raspberry, and clean earth. The lively entry gives you a full palate of flavors of black raspberry, pomegranate, and a touch of barrel spice in the juicy finish.