

WAYFARER

2022 PINOT NOIR 'PAIGE'S RIDGE'

TASTING NOTES | The 2022 Pinot Noir 'Paige's Ridge' reveals a concentrated and deep ruby hue in the glass. Displaying the darkest fruit profile of the Wayfarer Block Selections, Paige's Ridge expresses rich black cherry, crushed black raspberry, bruised violets, anise, fresh-ground cardamom and cocoa powder in a hedonistic mélange. A robust intensity and unctuous texture fills the mouth, with firm but refined tannins providing structure. Fresh acidity imbues lift and poise on the palate, tempering the opulent fruit character to create a well-balanced and harmonious wine that develops with finesse and elegance. Paige's Ridge is 100% composed of the Pinot Noir clone Dijon 667, known for its dense clusters, small berries and thick skins.

VINTAGE NOTES | Wayfarer's 2022 vintage showcases the tension between a cool growing season and warm harvest. Budbreak came two weeks earlier than average, resulting in an early September harvest. Wayfarer received significant rainfall in the winter months, replenishing the soil, followed by a very dry April and May, which moderated vigor in the vineyard. June rains required diligent canopy management to balance airflow and sunlight, which proved to be essential to both ripen the fruit in a cooler year, and to not overexpose it to heat later in the season. With below-average temperatures in June and July, 2022 was a cool growing season on the Sonoma Coast until the weather warmed significantly during harvest. However, even on the hottest days, Wayfarer experienced a diurnal shift of 30 degrees Fahrenheit, preserving acidity and freshness in the fruit. Due to a series of prior drought years, 2022 was a very low-yielding vintage, with Chardonnay production down 50% and Pinot Noir production down 35%, creating a profound concentration in the wines. The 2022 wines display the luxurious texture and fruit-driven character of a warm harvest with the elegance and vibrancy of a cool growing season.

WINEMAKING NOTES | Each block was picked by hand at night, and firm, cool clusters were delivered to the winery before sunrise. We hand-sorted and fully destemmed the fruit before transferring it into a French oak tank for four days of cold maceration. Fermentation was carried out by native yeast, and we punched the cap down by hand, with the frequency and technique determined by tasting each tank daily. The free run wine aged in 228L French oak barrels, 60% new, for 11 months prior to bottling.

ACCLAIM | "The 2022 Pinot Noir Paige's Ridge is outrageously beautiful. Sweet, perfumed, and exceptionally gorgeous, the 2022 soars out of the glass with breathtaking aromatic intensity. The 2022 is pliant and layered in feel, with stunning balance." 98 Points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, January 2024

ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview
BLOCK	8
CLONE	Dijon 667
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	2.0 lbs/vine
HARVESTED	September 5, 2022
BOTTLED	August 16, 2023
ALCOHOL	14.6%
pH	3.61
TA	5.7 g/L
PRODUCTION	57 cases
WINEMAKER	Todd Kohn