



MUIRWOOD PINOT NOIR

ARROYO SECO, MONTEREY | 2019

BACKGROUND

The Zaninovich family has deep farming roots, spanning nearly a century. In the early 1970s, captivated by the raw beauty and exceptional potential of the undiscovered Arroyo Seco wine region of Monterey County, we pioneered vineyard planting in the area. Today, with four generations of California farming in harmony with nature, we take a long-term perspective. We are inspired by the legacy of John Muir and share a belief in the importance of nurturing the land for generations to come.

VINEYARDS

Located southeast of the Monterey Bay in the valley adjacent to the Arroyo Seco Creek, our vineyards benefit from growing conditions and soils not found anywhere else. Seeing potential early on, we established vineyards in different growing areas of the Arroyo Seco AVA, starting in 1971 with Sutter, our home ranch, Zanetta Ranch in 1988, and Wiley Ranch in 1998. Each vineyard, down to the individual vineyard block, possesses its own unique microclimate and soils. These conditions are reflected in the flavor profile of the grapes:

Suter Vineyard (75%): Classic California ripe fruit flavors

Chareva Vineyard (25%): Elegance, length, and complexity

WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested during cool nights and early mornings, then warm fermented in stainless steel to extract the bright, juicy berry flavors in the grapes. Next, the wine was racked into new and seasoned 100% French oak barrels and aged for 10 months and racked only once before bottling. After the final blending, the wine was gently fined and filtered prior to bottling.

Varietal Composition 95% Pinot Noir, 5% Grenache

Technical: Alc. By Vol. 14.2%, TA 5.2%, pH 3.60

TASTING NOTES

Ripe raspberry and strawberry with soft tannins, silky finish

Food Pairings: Grilled rack of lamb, coq au vin.

