



W. H. SMITH 2003 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

The Vineyards:

The 2003 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a cuvee of three vineyards. The Keller and Ceja Vineyards near Sonoma's historic Lakeville wine district in the Petaluma Gap; a cool and windy area at the southernmost end of the Sonoma Coast appellation and the Piner Road Vineyard, west of Santa Rosa in the Russian River Valley. All three Sonoma Coast appellation vineyards are farmed to low yields with concentration of flavor in mind, and each brings unique qualities to the finished wine.

The Wine:

This wine is a snapshot of the Sonoma Coast region in a bottle. It offers a deliciously rich mouthful of Pinot Noir fruit that shares the elegance and spice of the Petaluma Gap vineyards, combined with the richness of the Russian River Valley vineyard. Ripe and zesty black cherry flavors are balanced with a delicate hint of French oak. Textured and full, this spicy Pinot Noir closes with a stylish finish.

Technical Information:

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Fermentation: Cold soaked for 7 days; fermented on skins until dry; natural yeasts

Aging: 10 months in used French oak

Alcohol: 13.9%

Age of Vines: 10–20 years

Harvested: September 19 - September 25, 2003

Bottled: July 20, 2004

Production: 1,467 cases of 750 ML; 178 cases of 375 ML

Release Date: September 1, 2004