

# MacRostie *Pinot Noir*

What makes our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir so special?



## OUR VINEYARD PARTNERS

Delicious Pinot Noir has been a staple at MacRostie Winery & Vineyards for over 20 years. It's a showcase of what is best about cool-climate pinot noir, displaying the deep color and ripe flavors of meticulously farmed, low-yielding vineyards. Since 1987 when the winery was founded, we've focused on building a small portfolio of partner growers. We continue to work with these iconic small vineyards, with some of these relationships going back to the beginning of the winery. Our vineyard partners are committed to sustainable farming methods, long-term relationships, small yields and award-winning wines.

MacRostie Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a meticulous blend from several cool coastal vineyards including **Champlin Creek** in Carneros, **Dutton Ranch** and our estate vineyard **Thale's** both in Russian River Valley and **Goldrock Ridge** in the "far" coast. Steve MacRostie's very own vineyard, **Wildcat Mountain** located in Petaluma Gap, plays a significant role in the blend as well. Each individual vineyard site contributes a delicious layer to the wine.

## IN THE CELLAR

Hand-harvested grapes are hand sorted and de-stemmed into small one-ton or five-ton open top fermenters using our gentle de-stemmer. A three-day cold soak enhances color without increasing tannins. Caps are managed with a combination of punchdowns and pumpovers to maximize positive extraction, and the must is gently pressed when dry. The resulting wine is aged for nine months in French oak barrels from a selection of cooperages: Radoux, Francois Freres, and Damy. 30% of our oak is new, and our wines benefit from selective battonnage during aging.

## WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"This wine has gentle earth notes along with an undertone of sour Montmorency cherries baked in a cardamom and sage pie crust. This vintage shows firm acidity, soft tannin and a floral perfumed note that finishes with the wine." Heidi Bridenhagen



### **Champlin Creek**

AVA: *Carneros*  
Contribution: Earthy complexity.

### **Goldrock Ridge**

AVA: *Far Coast*  
Contribution: Elegant and delicate fruit. Silky mouthfeel.

### **Dutton Ranch**

AVA: *Russian River Valley*  
Contribution: Red fruit aromas. Good balance. Intense spice and richness.

### **Thale's**

AVA: *Russian River Valley*  
Contribution: Spicy red fruit flavors, aromatics, body and texture.

### **Wildcat Mountain**

AVA: *Petaluma Gap*  
Contribution: Cola spice, structure and weight to the palate.

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Sustainable farming, estate grown fruit, award-winning wines.



## THALE'S VINEYARD

*Russian River Valley*

- Named after founder Steve MacRostie's wife, Thale (pronounced Thay-lee)
- Estate Vineyards surrounding our beautiful MacRostie Estate House on Westside Road in the far northern part of the Russian River Valley
- 13.5 acres of Pinot Noir feature four different clones: 667, Pommard, 23 and 2A, predominantly planted in 2009
- 11 unique blocks, both valley floor and hillside sites



## DUTTON RANCH

*Russian River Valley*

- Dutton family has been working the land in Sonoma since the 1880s.
- Sustainably and organically farm 1,100 acres.
- 74 different vineyard sites ranging from 0.8 vine acres to 92 vine acres in size.
- 17 different clones of Chardonnay and 14 different clones of Pinot Noir planted.



## WILDCAT MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

*Petaluma Gap*

- Steve MacRostie began planting 58 acres of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vines in 1998.
- This unique site is situated in the remote highlands between Sonoma and Petaluma. Elevations ranging from 500 to 700 feet.
- 18 different vineyard blocks spread across 5 fields.
- Clockwork morning fog, bright afternoon sun, with moderating cooling breezes.
- Very long growing season that allows the fruit to achieve optimal ripeness, with good acidity and excellent structure.



## GOLDROCK RIDGE VINEYARD

*Far Coast*

- Only a few miles from the cold Pacific.
- The vineyard is heavily influenced by the maritime climate and is on the extreme edge of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay viticulture.
- 135 gross acres with 42 acres are planted to premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
- Elevation 600ft above sea level, gently undulating slopes, Goldridge Fine Sandy Loam soil



**BEST PRESS – consistently received 90+ points year on year**

**91 points** Wine Enthusiast (v. 2013)

**90 points** Wine Review Online (v. 2012)

**91 points** "Smart Buy" PinotReport (v. 2011)

**92 points** "Best Buy" Wine & Spirits (v. 2010)

**91 points** "Editors' Choice" Wine Enthusiast (v. 2010)

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