

PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 75 Cases
Dijon Clones: 828 & 777 | 50% New French Oak

Vineyard

Sun Chase Vineyard

AVA

Petaluma Gap AVA (Sonoma County)

Tasting Notes

What a beauty! The 2022 Sun Chase Vineyard Pinot Noir is a true gem. This wine stands out on its own with its elegance and fluidity. It features light, crisp acidity and soft tannins, making it a versatile choice that pairs beautifully with any dish. On the nose, it feigns dark cherries, rose petal, and thyme. Let the wine sit for a bit and you will notice some warm toffee notes on the finish.

The 2022 vintage brought unpredictable weather, starting cool and moist, then turning warm later in the season, resulting in a beautiful forest floor element in this wine. It is nicely balanced with light spices, nutmeg, and vanilla bean. This Pinot Noir is the lightest and most delicate in our portfolio of single designates. Winemaker Mike Smith has dubbed it 'a quintessential California Pinot.' If you're seeking a Pinot Noir that pleases every palate, this is the one for you.

Vineyard Context

Sun Chase Vineyard is situated on the Southeastern edge of the Sonoma Coast appellation at 800 ft elevation. Considered one of the top five vineyards in Sonoma County, Sun Chase consistently produces wines of great depth and complexity. The rocky hillside soils of this hillside gem are derived from volcanic parent material known as basalt which has a low concentration of magnesium but very rich in minerals which is ideal for cultivating premium Pinot Noir grapes.

