



2022 Cole Ranch Vineyard
Mendocino County
Pinto Noir

AROMA

Rainier cherry, crushed rose, wet stone

FLAVOR

Red currant, rhubarb, bay leaf

FOOD PAIRINGS

Peking duck, carnitas, porcini risotto

VINIFICATION

<1 ton of Pinot Noir was field sorted and hand harvested on Sep 15th. A 4-day cold soak preceded fermentation on native yeasts with 75% whole clusters. Twice daily punch downs ensured even extraction over a 10-day fermentation. Pressed at dryness. Aged for 10 months in one new + one neutral French oak barrel. Bottled unfiltered/unfiltered.

SITE

Less than a 1/4 sq. mi. the Cole Ranch AVA is the smallest appellation in the United States. Located between the Russian River and Anderson Valley at elevations ranging from 1400-1600 feet. Surround by forested hills, it is unique for its terrarium-like setting and cool climate / late ripening relative to neighboring Ukiah. Planted in 1971 by John Cole, this 55-acre vineyard is now under the management of Mike Lucia & Jill Shadek who farm it organically.

NOTES

Mike and Jill Lucia are old friends from Healdsburg (Mike was in fact voted MISTER Healdsburg once) and they are the newly-minted proprietors of America's Smallest AVA, The Cole Ranch. As soon as the ink was dry on their land deed we were blowing them up about buying some fruit out there. On our first visit to the vineyard we were delighted to learn there was some high elevation Pinot Noir, and that our friends would make some available to LIOCO. Tucked in a bucolic valley between Hopland and Boonville this zone has been likened to the Jura of France--and in is the process of being replanted with many of those alpine varieties. Fortunately Pinot Noir belongs to that family of grapes! We are super excited to learn more about this special California place being organically farmed by Pete Chevalier.

DETAILS

Vineyards: Cole Ranch	pH: 3.6
County: Mendocino	Brix: 22.7°
County: Cole Ranch	Total acidity: 6.1 g/L
Winemaker: Drew Huffine	Residual sugar: 0.6 g/L
Production: 50 cases	Alcohol: 13.5%
Anticipated maturity: 2024-2026	Yield: 1 T/acre
	Clones: Pommard 5
	Harvest dates: 9/15/22
	Bottling date: 7/12/24

