

# WENTE

FAMILY VINEYARDS



## Riva Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir

Country:	United States	Region:	Monterey, CA
Type:	Red	Varietal:	Pinot Noir
Format:	12 x 750ml		

BC	AB	SK	MB
+25874	+25874		+890285
Speculative	Open	SO	PWS

### TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Light garnet red.

**Aroma:** This Pinot Noir has aromas of cherry, strawberry and vanilla, with hints of toasted oak, earth and cigar box.

**Taste:** Shows flavours of black cherry and vanilla, undertones of earth and spice are followed by a long fruity finish.

**Food:** Grilled pork chop, bbq ribs and filet mignon.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2023 ~ 92 Points. "Red-fruited aromas of cherries, strawberries, spices, dried herbs and earth. The palate is medium-bodied with softly integrated tannins, balanced acidity and a fruit-driven finish. Pleasant and approachable." - James Suckling, Jan/2026

2022 ~ 93 Points. "Following an entry of dazzling acidity accompanied by vibrant strawberry and cranberry with a dash of nutmeg, white pepper seasons a stony middle, urging roase petals out of the earth." - Meredith May - The Tasting Panel, Jan/2025

2022 ~ 93 Points. "This bottling from the Wente family's estate in the mouth of Arroyo Seco canyon between Big Sur and the Salinas Valley is light in the glass and shows brisk pomegranate aromas on the nose. The palate is tightly wound, ensuring reliable aging, as brisk flavors of red fruit drift into warmer baking spice elements." - Matt Kettmann - Wine Enthusiast, Apr/2025

2021 ~ 93 Points. "This wine's vivid flavours and scintillating mouthfeel continue to elevate Riva Ranch Pinot Noir's reputation. Wild cherry, red beet, and Italian herbs circle around the long finish, revealing graceful balance." - The Tasting Panel, Feb/2024

2021 ~ 91 Points. "Quite light in the glass, this bottling begins with herbal aromas of incense and bay leaf that enliven the black raspberry core of the nose. Juicy strawberry flavors are lifted by clove, incense and oak on the palate." - Matt Kettmann - Wine Enthusiast, Mar/2024

2021 ~ 91 Points. "Cherries, forest berries, raspberries and sweet spices on the nose following through to a medium body with sleek tannins. Round and fruit-forward with a succulent and crunchy finish. Drink or hold." - James Suckling, Jan/2024

## OTHER INFO

This wine was previously known as Reliz Creek Pinot Noir. From the 2012 vintage onwards, Wente has changed the name to reflect the single vineyard origins. Since the early 1960's, Wente Vineyards has been growing Pinot Noir in the Arroyo Seco region of Monterey. This wine was named after the creek that runs through the Estate vineyards. Arroyo Seco is the ideal region to grow this Burgundian varietal because of the long, cool growing season, which allows the grapes to fully ripen and develop deep fruit flavors. The gravelly-loam soils found here, rich with shale and limestone deposits, impart desirable earthy and mineral qualities to the wine. There are several blocks dating back to 1963, which are planted with the old Pommard and Martini clones. Neighboring these are much more recent, high-density plantings that include a variety of new clones. All of the fruit is hand picked and sorted.



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