

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

## 2023 COASTAL CUVÉE

Jespersen Ranch, Edna Valley

### WINEMAKER

Molly Bohlman

### CLONE

GN362, Alban, PN667, Wadenswil  
Rochioli, 777, 115, Calera

### ROOTSTOCK

101-14, 420A

### HARVEST DATES

September 7th–November 14th, 2023

### AVERAGE BRIX

23.1°

### AVERAGE YIELD

3 Tons/Acre

### pH / TA

3.58/5.2 g/L

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### VINEYARD

100% Jespersen Ranch

### BLEND

64% Grenache, 36% Pinot Noir

### COOPERAGE

100% neutral French Oak

### BARREL AGING

18 months

### VINEYARD

The 2023 vintage was long and cool and has been hailed by many local growers as one of the best vintages of the decade. The growing season started with a definitive end to three years of drought. We received 28 inches of rain over the winter with a series of storms that caused memorable flooding in the county. A cool spring delayed bud break across all varieties, and was followed by a foggy and temperate summer with very few days above 80 degrees. The grapes ripened slowly, and we received some late-season heat, giving us the kick we needed to achieve perfect ripeness. The long growing season lent itself to higher acidity, more complex and elegant flavors, and good age-ability in our wines. We picked our Grenache and Pinot Noir over 3 months in September, October, and November.

### WINEMAKING

Coastal Cuvée is our celebration of Jespersen Ranch; an unconventional blend of Grenache and Pinot Noir. This is a light, chillable red that's vibrant, fresh, and irresistibly drinkable. Each varietal was hand-harvested and fermented separately using distinct techniques. Most of the Grenache underwent carbonic maceration in a stainless steel tank, enhancing its juicy, fruit-forward character. The Pinot Noir was fermented traditionally in open-top tanks, bringing brightness and earthy structure to the final blend. After aging both wines in neutral oak for 18 months, we blended them just before bottling. The result is a harmonious wine bursting with notes of raspberry, pomegranate, hibiscus, and tea leaf. We recommend enjoying slightly chilled.

