**2022 Mille Frères Pinot Noir**

**Vintage Notes**

The 2022 vintage will be remembered for its very small yields but extremely high-quality fruit, especially from vineyards that are adapting to climate change. Following a winter with little rainfall, the growing season began unusually early with budbreak in February. The summer months were warm and mild, leading to slow phenolic ripeness in the small berries and clusters. A recordbreaking heatwave occurred in early September, however, our vineyards were picked beforehand. We were fortunate that our fruit was perfectly ripe before this heat event, allowing us to lock in the freshness and acidity required for ageworthy wines.

**Tasting Notes**

The grapes for our 2022 Mille Frères Pinot Noir are sourced from the renowned Terra de Promissio vineyard, which is located in the Petaluma Wind Gap region of the Sonoma Coast. Our vines are currently 22 years old, an optimal age for producing outstanding Pinot Noir. With a very warm end to the summer, this wine is hedonistic and pleasurable in its youth. There are intense aromatics of dark cherry, blackberry compote, and toast, as well as damp forest floor. The mid-palate is incredibly plush and generous in viscosity, and the tannins are oh-so-velvety.

**Technical Data**

* Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
* Sub-appellations: Sonoma Coast (Petaluma Wind Gap)
* Maturation: 73% New French Oak, 27% Neutral French Oak, Aged for 15 Months
* Bottled Date: December 13, 2023
* Cases Produced: 142 Cases (12 x 750 mL)
* Winemaker: Michael A. Tracy