



Calstar Cellars

2024 Pinot Meunier, Hopkins River Ranch

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Vineyard Profile

Hopkins River Ranch is one of the few growers in Sonoma County with decades of experience farming Pinot Meunier — a distinction that speaks to both the family's commitment and their deep understanding of this rare varietal in the Russian River Valley. Their long-established vines bring an enviable consistency and concentration to the fruit, with low yields that reflect careful, sustainable stewardship of the land. The hallmark morning fog and cool afternoon breezes of the appellation moderate temperatures and preserve natural acidity. The 2024 growing season opened with abundant winter rainfall that fully recharged the vines, followed by a warm, consistent summer and a compact, high-quality harvest.

Winemaker's Notes

The limited-production 2024 Pinot Meunier from Hopkins River Ranch is a wine that rewards both curiosity and the dinner table. Bright violet-red in color, it delivers a lively and expressive aromatic profile that opens beautifully in the glass. On the nose, ripe red cherries, fresh cranberries, and wild strawberries emerge alongside hints of sweet spice, cedarwood, and a warm touch of vanilla.

On the palate, this wine is light to medium in body, with the silky texture of Pinot Noir and a brighter, spicy edge that is distinctly Meunier. Red fruit and warm baking spices, think cinnamon stick and clove that carry through to a long, clean finish with subtle oak and lively acidity.

The 2024 Pinot Meunier is an excellent food wine and a genuine must-try. It's a perfect bottle to bring to your next tasting or dinner party it is easy to enjoy, versatile at the table, and a charming expression of this lesser-known varietal.

While drinking beautifully now, it will continue to evolve over the next 3–5 years, gradually revealing deeper notes of forest floor, leather, and wet stone with age.

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HARVEST DATE

09-6-2024

FINISHED PH

3.48

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6.00

ALCOHOL

14.2

OAK PROGRAM

All French or Hungarian, 20% New,
20% Once Filled Balance Neutral

CASES PRODUCED

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