

CLUB CRUSH PINOT *January Shipment (#1 - 2022)*

FOXEN WINERY 2018 PINOT NOIR JOHN SEBASTIANO VINEYARD STA RITA HILLS

TASTING NOTES:

The 2018 Pinot Noir John Sebastiano Vineyard is bursting at the seams with energy and intensity. A touch of whole clusters (25%) adds energy to a Pinot that impresses with its explosive power and overall tension. The bright red fruit is extremely primary today. I would cellar the 2018 for a few years to allow more aromatic nuance to develop, but that will be challenging, as it is so compelling right now.



FoxenVineyard.com

WINERY INFO:

Bill Wathen and Dick Doré, also known as the “Foxen Boys”, have been making wine together since 1985 when they founded Foxen on the historic Rancho Tinaquaic in northern Santa Barbara County. Since that time, their dedication has remained the same - the creation of small production, sustainably-farmed, vineyard-focused wines using a minimalist approach to winemaking.

Foxen’s first vintage was in 1985, made in the old blacksmith shop on the ranch. This building, now known fondly as “The Shack”, and the accompanying barn were Foxen’s winery and tasting room for over 20 years. With the completion of Foxen’s solar-powered winery and tasting room in 2009, the historic and beloved “Shack” was renamed foxen 7200, where we feature our Bordeaux and Italian varieties under a brand of the same name. Our Burgundy, Rhône, and Loire varieties are showcased in the solar-powered FOXEN tasting room just down the road.

John Sebastiano Vineyard is located on the eastern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. The raised elevation of this vineyard exposes this spot to an extra dose of the winds that the appellation is famous for. Cool nights and constant wind make for grapes that show great concentration.

WINE STATS:

Clones: Swan, Dijon 667 & Entav 828

Aging: 16 months in French oak barrels, 38% new

Alcohol: 13.8%

pH: 3.66 **TA:** 0.548 g/100mL

Production: 624 cases

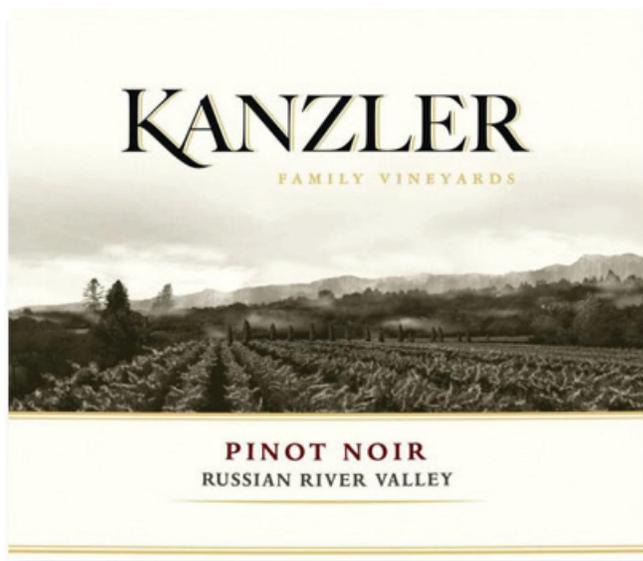
Regular Price. . . . \$56.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$51.29

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KANZLER **2019 PINOT NOIR** **RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

TASTING NOTES:

Incredibly compelling and fun to drink, this Pinot Noir seems to offer up something new with every sniff and taste. The aromatics are replete with violet, blueberry, huckleberry, green olives, cured meat, and pine needles. The palate delivers Darjeeling tea, red berries, integrated French oak, dark chocolate, star anise, fresh herbs, and pepper. The texture is layered and intense with a long, tingling finish. Dense and powerful but light on its feet.



KanzlerVineyards.com

WINERY INFO:

Kanzler is a small family-owned winery living and working by the rhythms of the vineyard. Striving to produce intensely exquisite Pinot Noir from soil to cellar to the bottle in your hands... began with a walk through an old apple orchard 8 miles from the Pacific Ocean. When the vineyard was established in 1996, Kanzler was one of the first to plant grapes in the Sebastopol Hills in western Sonoma County.

The Kanzler Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is unusual for a blend, as the majority of grapes come from the renowned estate vineyard. The other three vineyards are nearby gems, likewise family-owned. The wine embodies the deeply complex, lithe character of the Sebastopol Hills. Kanzler Vineyard was planted in 1996, southwest of the Sonoma County town of Sebastopol, in an ideal location for Pinot: well-drained Goldridge soil, sunny summers, ocean breezes, and fog.

WINE STATS:

Ageing: 14 months on lees French oak barrels—20% new Finished 1 month stainless steel

Alcohol: 14.4%

pH: 3.6

Production: 735 cases

Regular Price. . . . \$50.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$45.89
