

Pinot Noir

“Pinot Noir is a wine that is designed in heaven for food.” – Marc Goldberg, Windward Vineyard

BACKGROUND

- Red grape from Burgundy, France.
- Reputation as being a difficult grape to grow.
- Grown worldwide, especially France, Ontario, California, and New Zealand.
- Produces a light, red wine with velvety texture and complex aromas.

AROMAS and FLAVORS

- Wild strawberry, bing cherry, plum.
- Green tomato, fresh cut herbs.
- Earth, barnyard.
- Soft tannins.

STYLES and BLENDS

- French style is delicate and light.
- California style tends to be more concentrated with bolder flavors.
- Famously produced in Côte d’Or in Burgundy.
- Usually a varietal wine, but occasionally blended.
- One of the grapes used to make traditional Champagne.

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

- Roasted salmon or tuna.
- Light meat dishes.
- Poultry, especially duck and quail.