

HIRSCH VINEYARDS

2023 *Raschen Ridge* Estate Pinot Noir

“Terroir is within the site; we do not impose it. Our responsibility is to listen and be ready when it shows itself.” – David Hirsch

As you walk along the western edge of the Raschen Ridge, cold winds off the Pacific buffet you, and tendrils of fog follow you amongst the vines. Here the Ridge is a knife’s edge, exposed on all sides to the elements. These vines produce wines of body, weight and a kinetic energy. Follow the Ridge to its eastern end, and you will discover a hidden vineyard. Protected, idyllic and sheltered, it’s like another world. From here all of Hirsch is laid out before you, and yet you’re hidden in a secret garden. These vines produce ethereal wines: delicate yet persistent, complex yet charming.

The *Raschen Ridge* Pinot Noir is the happy marriage of these two opposite expressions. They coexist on the Raschen Ridge, a microcosm of the San Andean complexity that defines all of Hirsch. And they result in a wine that seamlessly combines self-confidence with elegance, hedonism with complexity, and pleasure with intrigue.

Henry Raschen (1854–1937) was a painter of the American West who lived on the ranch that is now Hirsch Vineyards. Old-timers called our ranch the Raschen Place, and Henry’s house stood here until 1954.

TASTING NOTES: The 2023 *Raschen Ridge* shows this powerful site through the lens of a cool, elegant vintage. On the nose, dark cherries, rhubarb, and pomegranate are layered with notes of graphite, licorice and orange peel. The palate is long and elegant, with refined, well-integrated tannins. A restrained and serious expression of the *Raschen Ridge* Pinot Noir with fantastic cellaring potential.

SERVICE NOTES: We recommend cellaring this wine for 2-3 years before drinking.

Blocks & clones: Block 15-2/4 Pommard-Wädenswil 81%
 Block 15-1 Swan 17%
 Block 17 Swan 2%

Vine age: Planted 2002-2003

New oak: 27%

Production: 510 cases

Formats: 750ml, 1.5L

Bottling date: April 2025

Alcohol: 13.0%

