

# 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 Andrean 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%

