

Rootdown Wine Cellars

Cole Ranch Pinot Noir

ABOUT THE ESTATE

- Founded in 2014 by Sonoma County native Mike Lucia, Rootdown Wine Cellars reflects his decades of experience in Northern California.
- Rootdown specializes in single-varietal, single-vineyard wines from organically farmed vineyards in Mendocino, Sonoma, and Amador Counties, producing refined expressions of varieties like Sangiovese, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Savagnin, and Trousseau.
- In 2019, Mike acquired Cole Ranch—the smallest AVA in the U.S.—shifting Rootdown's focus toward Jura-inspired varieties including Trousseau, Savagnin, Pinot Noir, and Chardonnay.
- This estate emphasizes minimal-intervention winemaking with hallmarks such as low alcohol, high acidity, native fermentations, little to no new oak, and minimal sulfur additions.
- Mike seeks to create wines that showcase earth and texture over fruit, expressing the unique terroir of each vineyard site.

APPELLATION

Cole Ranch

SUB-REGION

Mendocino County

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Pinot Noir

FARMING

Organic

SOIL

Schist and clay

VINEYARDS & VITICULTURE

Planted in the early 2000s and 100% dry farmed. The Pinot is typically picked in early September in two passes between the eastern and western blocks. The combination of these blocks are a mix of Micca Schist and Maxwell Clay.

HARVEST & VINIFICATION

100% destemmed and fermented in three-ton stainless steel tanks. Gentle pump overs in order to achieve more aromatics. Once the wine is dry the wine is aged in 40% puncheon and 60% Burgundy barrels, all neutral.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.1

PACK SIZE

12x750mL

