

PINOT NOIR

ORIGIN

Pinot noir is a red wine grape variety of the species *Vitis vinifera*. The name is derived from the French words for pine and black. The word pine alludes to the grape variety having tightly clustered, pine cone-shaped bunches of fruit.

VITICULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

Pinot noir grapes are grown around the world, mostly in the cooler climates, and the grape is chiefly associated with the Burgundy region of France. Pinot noir is a difficult variety to cultivate and transform into wine. The grape's tendency to produce tightly packed clusters makes it susceptible to several viticultural hazards that require diligent canopy management.

COMMON WINE STYLES

Being lighter in style, Pinot noir has benefited from a trend toward more restrained, less alcoholic wines around 12% alcohol by volume. Pinot Noir is a wine that goes well with all types of food, and is light enough to be drunk on its own.

PLANTERS RIDGE PRODUCTS

Pinot noir is a grape that we have used in blends, as well as created barrel reserves for both 2015 and 2016 vintages. Our Pinot noir grapes can be difficult to deal with, and so we often end up with very small lots of these wines.