

RAEN

Research in Agriculture and Enology Naturally

Founded by 4th generation winegrowers Carlo & Dante Mondavi in 2013, RAEN is a pinot noir domaine rooted in the rugged, remote terrain of the true Sonoma Coast.

Pronounced “rain”, the name reminds us that wine was rain first. It only becomes wine in the vineyards after being filtered by the rocks taken back up by the vines and sweetened by the sun. The unique spelling is the winery’s society and ethos: **Research in Agriculture and Enology Naturally**. Carlo & Dante consider themselves *winegrowers*, not winemakers, a term inspired by their grandfather Robert and father, Tim.

RAEN's monopole vineyards are farmed with the utmost respect for Mother Earth and in unison with nature; in the cellar, the delicate expression and microflora of the vineyard is through whole cluster, native fermentations, gentle oak aging, and bottling unfined and unfiltered.

RAEN's limited production bottlings, three pinot noirs and one chardonnay, are wines of elegance and finesse, hailing from ‘grand cru’ quality vineyards within the Sonoma Coast, and capable of sitting among the world’s finest.

The Vineyards

About 18 acres of vines are farmed within the rugged hills of the true Sonoma Coast, where the cooling coastal influence, morning fog, and unique soils create an ideal climate for elegant, expressive pinot noir and chardonnay. Farming is done to the highest level, respecting the biodiversity of each site using permaculture, biodynamic and organic practices.

The Wines

To capture the unique microflora of the ‘grand cru’ sites, harvest is done by hand in the cool of the night, and fermentations are 100% whole cluster using only native yeast. The wines are gently aged and bottled without fining or filtering.

- **Royal St. Robert Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast:** A special bottling dedicated to Carlo & Dante’s grandfather, Robert, who taught and inspired them, and continues to do so on their journey. This cuvée gives a window into the cool, rugged hills of the West Sonoma Coast.
- **Lady Marjorie Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast:** Dedicated to Carlo & Dante's grandmother, Marjorie, whose hard work and determination carried the family to where they are today. This cuvée hails from two vineyard sites from the furthest reaches and pockets of the true Sonoma Coast.
- **Sea Field Vineyard Pinot Noir, Fort Ross-Seaview:** This single vineyard wine hails from the Sea Field vineyard where the weather is cool and vines sit just above the fog line, allowing for enough warmth and sunlight to slowly ripening the fruit. Year after year, these conditions yield the most elegant expression of Pinot Noir.
- **Bodega Vineyard Pinot Noir, Freestone Occidental:** This site is steep, raw, and powerful. The vineyard overlooks Bodega Bay and the Sonoma Coast line, where the pacific fog engulfs the vineyard, covering the fruit with essential ocean mist. The single vineyard bottling yields the coolest and most exotic of RAEN’s pinots. Sold exclusively to RAEN Members.
- **Charles Ranch Vineyard Chardonnay, Fort Ross-Seaview:** Firmly rooted in the rocky, well-drained hillsides of Fort Ross Seaview, these nearly 40-year old vines are some of the oldest plantings of chardonnay in California. Sold exclusively to RAEN Members.