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2022 Marietta, OVR, Lot 74, Zin Blend, Sonoma County, CA

Home to a diverse array of smaller AVAs with varied microclimates and soil types, Sonoma County has something for every wine lover. Physically twice as large as Napa Valley, the region only produces about half the amount of wine but boasts both tremendous quality and variety. Sonoma County wines are produced with carefully selected grape varieties to reflect the best attributes of their sites—Dry Creek Valley's consistent sunshine is ideal for Zinfandel, while the warm Alexander Valley is responsible for rich, voluptuous red wines like Cabernet Sauvignon. Marietta Cellars has been a standout winery in Sonoma and Mendocino since the very beginning. Founded by Chris Bilbro, a Sonoma County native with winemaking roots dating back three generations, Marietta rose to prominence with its revolutionary Old Vine Red, a California red blend that essentially created the category. The NV Old Vine Red Lot 74 is primarily Zinfandel, with some Syrah, Petite Sirah, Carignan, Grenache and Barbera. Spicy and easy to drink, it has aromas of red and black cherries, mint, bitter chocolate and allspice with earthy undertones. The medium-bodied palate is finely chalky and refreshing, with spicy fruit and an easygoing finish. This wine strikes a perfect balance between fruit forward enjoyment and layered sophistication. 93 PTS RP, 91 PTS WW

Pairings: Enjoy its aromas of blackberries and dried leaves with lightly grilled lamb chops. Pair the Old Vine Red with a wide range of foods: pizza, pasta, burgers, roasted vegetables, mushrooms, and tacos.

2023 Stoller W/V Pinot Noir Rose- Willamette Valley, Oregon

One of Pinot Noir's most successful New World outposts, the Willamette Valley is the largest and most important AVA in Oregon. With a continental climate moderated by the influence of the Pacific Ocean, it is perfect for cool-climate viticulture and the production of elegant wines. Located in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley in the Dundee Hills AVA, Stoller uniquely offers world class wines and genuine hospitality in a stunning setting featuring panoramic views including Mt. Hood. A cornerstone of Stoller's production for over a decade, the 2023 Pinot Noir Rosé is fresh, juicy, and vibrant. Aromatics of strawberry and orange peel spring from the glass. A bright, zingy line of acidity buzzes across the palate as the wine fades into delicate notes of white tea and spring flowers. Notes of pink cherries, grapefruit peel and pink peppercorns follow through to a medium body with juicy fruit character and a flavorful finish. 91 PTS WE, 90 PTS JS

Pairings: Pair with thyme-roasted chicken, Gouda cheese, salmon, fresh salads. spicy Asian shrimp salad, pulled pork sliders with BBQ sauce, and wood-fired flatbreads. Perfect as an aperitivo on the porch.