

# Model Farm California



## Pinot Noir Alta Heights 2023

*Alta Heights is a new project from Joanna Wells and Sean Castorani of Model Farm fame, aimed at making really good, honest wine for entry level wine drinkers trying to discover where the magic lies. Their pinot noir is sourced from high altitude vineyards on the Mendocino ridge, farmed organically and biodynamically, and the wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised in ten percent new oak. The debut vintage of 2023 comes in at 13.5 percent octane and offers up a beautiful bouquet of red and black cherries, woodsmoke, dark soil tones, coffee bean, a dollop of fresh herb tones and a gentle touch of new oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and sappy at the core, with good soil undertow and grip, moderate, buried tannins and a long, tangy, complex and beautifully balanced finish. Fine, fine juice and an even better idea to offer fledgling wine drinkers real wine to start their journey with! Chapeau! 2025-2045.*

90 pts- John Gilman, View from the Cellar, March-April 2025

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