

## CALIFORNIA NORTH COAST

### RADIO-COTEAU COUNTY LINE SEBASTOPOL



**OVERVIEW** | Radio-Coteau is deservedly a true cult producer: wines made in very small quantities by an incredibly skilled and experienced grower and winemaker. Originally from New York, Radio-Coteau's Eric Sussman developed his passion for wine while studying agriculture at Cornell University. He spent several years in Washington's Yakima Valley before spending time in France working at Châteaux Baron Philippe de Rothschild, Domaine Comte Armand, and Domaine Jacques Prieur.

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 4500 cases

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** pinot noir, syrah, zinfandel, chardonnay

Radio-Coteau adj. A colloquial expression suggesting "word of mouth." Region: Northern Rhone. Literal Translation: broadcasting from the hillside.

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | Radio-Coteau works closely with select cool-climate coastal vineyard sites in Western Sonoma County and Anderson Valley to offer wines with vibrant, balanced fruit and a distinct sense of place. Radio-Coteau is crafting unique expressions of sites and seasons by focusing on detailed and sustainable viticulture in conjunction with a natural, non-interventionalist approach in the cellar. While everyone works naturally, some sites are certified organic and/or biodynamic. They actively collaborate with their growers to enhance the character of each site by promoting vine balance and healthy soil. Allowing the wine to evolve naturally during vinification and elevation preserves the integrity of the vineyard and the vintage.

**WINES** | **County Line Rosé & Pinot Noir** - The County Line label, while not part of Radio Coteau, are also made by Eric Sussman. These wines, sourced from vineyards in Mendocino and the Sonoma Coast, are intended to be approachable, affordable, and indicative of the time and place from which they come.

**Pinot Noir La Neblina** - Spanish for "fog," la neblina rolls in from the Pacific Ocean to blanket and cool the coastal Pinot Noir vineyards of Western Sonoma County. This handcrafted wine blends the nuanced characteristics of a few select sites. New fruit from a truly coastal vineyard in the cool growing region near Annapolis provided a distinctive addition to the blend this year. Fifteen percent of the fruit was whole cluster fermented. Additional vineyard designated Pinot Noirs come from Alberigi Vineyard (Russian River Valley), Savoy Vineyard (Anderson Valley - a small amount of chardonnay is also made from this site), Terra Neuma (a biodynamically farmed site owned by the Benziger family in the Sonoma Coast).

**Syrah Las Colinas** - Las Colinas blends fruit from a selection of Syrah vineyards set in the hills surrounding the Bohemian Highway in Western Sonoma County. For the first time, with the 2006 bottling, the wine contains elements from all three of Radio-Coteau's Syrah vineyards: Timbervine, Cherry Camp (for which there are also vineyard designated syrahs) and Von Weidlich (a site from which Eric makes a vineyard designated zinfandel).

Other wines include:

- Chardonnay Savoy Anderson Valley**
- Pinot Noir Savoy Anderson Valley**
- Pinot Noir Alberigi Vineyard RRV**
- Syrah Cherry Camp Sonoma Coast**



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