

Drew

2014 Pinot Noir Balo Vineyard Anderson Valley AVA

The Balo Vineyard is an 7 acre organic vineyard located in the Philo end of Anderson Valley. It was planted in 2001 and is now owned by the Mullins family. We consider this vineyard a formidable addition to our vineyard line up. This low vigor site and the Mullins commitment to meticulous and organic farming practices provides us with a solid partnership.

The vineyard has a combination of Perrygulch loam and Boontling loam soils. The property sits on a river bench and, as a result, contains a considerable amount of river rock from the days of the creek's formation. This site is also at the base of a steep canyon that draws cold air down helping preserve the excellent acidity with firmer tannins that are more akin to velvet opposed to silk. This vineyard is always the most intense lot in the cellar with more acid, tannin and fruit weight.

Vineyard

Vineyard: 100% Balo Vineyard
Harvest: September 3, 2014
Sugars: 23.4 degrees brix
Ph: 3.30
TA: 7.4 g/L

Finished Wine

Ph: 3.55
TA: 6.4 g/L
Alcohol: 13.5% by vol.
Bottling date: September 2015
Suggested Retail: \$48.00/bottle
Number of cases: 97 cases

Other: Used French Oak (No new oak). 40% whole cluster fermentation.
Native Fermentation.

Vineyard Tech.'s

T/Acre: 1.9 tons per acre
Clone: Pommard, 115, 777, Martini
Rootstock: 101-14
Planted: 2001
Spacing: 8x6
Trellis: Vertical Shoot Position
Pruning: Cane pruned
Orientation: Rows run North-South
Slope: moderate
Aspect: South-West
Soil: Perrygulch; loam

SENSORY:

Darker tonalities of stone fruit, lavender, spices and earthy notes meld together in Jason Drew's 2014 Pinot Noir Balo Vineyard. Sensual, dark and inviting, the 2014 is a succulent, deeply expressive Pinot that will drink beautifully pretty much upon release. There is so much to like here, especially the wine's immediate, giving personality. 93 points - Antonio Galloni (Vinous).