

2014 Pinot Noir Estate-Field Selections Mendocino Ridge AVA

This is our inaugural release from our Estate site located 3 miles from the Pacific Ocean and 1,250 feet in elevation on a south slope located on the Southern Mendocino Coast. The site was carefully chosen after years of research. The climate and soils are ideal for a Pinot Noir vineyard. Ancient ocean floor soils of decomposed sandstone and shale high in iron content, high in quartzite with an ideal ratio of sand, clay and silt. Marginal fertility combined with excellent water holding capacity and drainage makes for an extremely compelling site for our estate Pinot Noir. The results are nothing less than stunning for a structured wine of pedigree and poise. While this is an exciting wine to try now, this wine would benefit from extended cellaring. Hold and drink 2018-2028.

Vineyard Techs Finished Wine

Vineyard: 100% Estate Ph: 3.54
Harvest: September 12, 2014 TA: 6.5 g/L

Sugars: 22.5-23.5 degrees brix Alcohol: 13.3% by vol. Ph: 3.30 Bottling date: September 2015

TA: 7.3 g/L Suggested Retail: \$60.00 Oak: 30% new French Oak Number of cases: 149 cases

For 11 months

20% whole cluster fermentation.

100% native fermentation and 100% native malo-lactic.

T/Acre: 0.5-1 ton per acre

Variety: Pinot Noir

Clone: Pommard, 943, 115, Swan, 667, Mt. Eden

Rootstock: RS-9 Planted: 2011 Spacing: 8x3.5

Trellis: Vertical Shoot Position

Pruning: Cane pruned

Orientation: Rows run North-South

Slope: 20%

Aspect: South-East

Soil: decomposed sandstone, shale, chert, sandy clay loam.