

Drew

2014 Pinot Noir 'The Gatekeeper' Mendocino AVA

This wine embodies the best of what Pinot Noir can be in the cooler climates of Mendocino County. The three appellations represented in this year's Gatekeeper include Anderson Valley, Yorkville Highlands and the Mendocino Ridge. The cool forested hills of Anderson Valley, the mineral laden highland soils of the Yorkville Highlands and the coastal high hills of Mendocino Ridge all combine for a chiseled, medium bodied, energetic wine.

Gatekeepers Blend

30%-Morning Dew Ranch, 25% Weir Vineyard, 20% Perli Vineyard, 25% Valenti Ranch

Elevation: 600ft-1,800 ft
Variety: Pinot Noir
Harvest date: September 9- September 15, 2013
Sugars: 22-24 degrees brix
Ph: 3.2-3.4
Clones: 828, Rochioli, 2A, 667, 777, 115

Finished wine

Alcohol: 13.5% by vol. Date of bottling: September, 2015
TA: 6.6 grams/liter Number of cases: 520 - 750ml/12
Ph: 3.54
Oak: NO-New French Oak; 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008
barrels
Other: 20% whole cluster fermented. 100% native fermentation.
Gravity racked twice and barrel aged for eleven months.

Tasting Notes:

Bright red color and medium bodied. There is a woody vibe to this wine that resonates with fresh forest bark and juniper berries. The fruit is elevated with bright cherries, cut flower stems, red plum and cinnamon. The flavors have a saline oceanic tone along with stone fruit with a savory mineral edge. There is also a tension and structure to this wine that is both mineral in character and mouthwatering in quality.