

2014 Martaella Vineyard Russian River Valley Pinot Noir



Harvest Notes

In many ways, the 2014 vintage is one for the record books. The third consecutive drought year, Sonoma County received less than half of its average rainfall. The very dry winter and spring allowed for very early bud break, flowering and harvest. With ideal spring weather conditions, the vines were able to complete flowering quickly, and the resulting crop was much larger than average. We received just enough rain in the spring to charge the soil with water, and cool summer weather allowed the vines to thrive resulting in the earliest harvest on record.

Winegrower Notes

This is now the third release of this spectacular single-vineyard Pinot Noir from our estate vineyard at the winery that is named in honor of the mothers of Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane. Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones were chosen for this intense but delicate Pinot Noir. The grapes are harvested at night and the fruit is rigorously hand sorted prior to partial destemming. Then the fruit is berry selected before open top fermentation. With ideal fruit and stem maturity, we decided for the third year to ferment several clones with ~25% whole cluster for this vintage.

Tasting Notes

Deep ruby in color the vibrant raspberry, Bing cherry and sarsaparilla aromas almost leap from the glass. On the palate the wine's juicy mouthfeel is supported by cherry and blackberry flavors, building through the mid-palate to the fine grain tannins on the finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet.

Vineyard Sources

Martaella Vineyard (Estate)

Harvest Data

September 18th, 22nd, 26th, 30th | Alcohol 14.3% | pH 3.59 | TA 0.57

Fermentation

Cold soaked for 8 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for almost two weeks

Cooperage

36% new French Oak

Bottling

February 2016

Cases Produced

440 cases

Release Date

September 2016