

2014 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir 'La Pommeraie'



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 spectacular vineyard sits along the Laguna Ridge at the edge of the Green Valley AVA. Meticulously farmed and planted at a very high density of 2420 vines per acre, the vineyard is planted to Dijon Pinot Noir clones 777 & 828. Once a spectacular apple orchard, we pay homage to the Martinelli Family and the history of the site by naming the wine "La Pommeraie" - French for apple orchard.

Tasting Notes

This extraordinary single vineyard Pinot Noir gives an immediate impression of depth and concentration in the glass, with remarkably explosive aromas of dark plum and boysenberry. The palate is viscous and rich, yet light on its feet, with fine-polished tannins and an exceptionally balanced acidity. We have again included some whole cluster in the fermentation to give the wine a broader mouthfeel. Although delicious upon release, we expect this wine to improve with cellaring for 6-8 years from vintage date.

Vineyard Sources

George Martinelli, Frei Road Vineyard

Harvest Data

September 2nd | Alcohol 14.3% | pH 3.63 | TA 0.58

Fermentation

Cold soaked for 10 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for almost three weeks

Cooperage

16 months in French Oak ~ 40% new French Oak

Bottling

February 2016

Cases Produced

498 cases

Release

September 2016