

2014 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Fire and Spice

The 2014 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir practically leaps out of the glass with aromas of fresh strawberry, raspberry and earthy notes of tobacco and green tea. On the palate, it opens with boysenberry and blueberry fruit balanced seamlessly with well integrated French oak, contributing youthful, grippy but smooth and pleasing tannins. A burst of vivid black tea, Bing cherry, leather, cocoa and sweet oak explodes in the mid-palate and continues through to a long and lingering finish.



Wine Profile

Tasting Notes

The 2014 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a generous, fruit forward wine with a surprisingly deep reserve of vivid and complex flavors. Whole cluster fermentation adds spicy and earthy undertones and grippy, age-worthy tannin. The structure and texture make this an excellent food wine, that will pair well with dishes like roast duck, wild mushroom risotto, or pork tenderloin. A concentrated and vibrant wine, we recommend decanting or opening early to allow the nose to blossom and flavors to fully develop.

Vineyard Notes

The ongoing drought produced another dry and warm winter, leading to unusually early bud-break. Luckily, despite the early start, there was little frost and the vines escaped unscathed. Summer saw moderate heat, spelled by typically cool and foggy mornings. While yields were down slightly form the bumper crops of 2012 and 2013, 2014 was still an excellent growing season.

Production Notes

1126 cases produced.

Winemaker Notes

Kanzler fruit is hand-picked, hand-sorted twice and fermented in small batches with about 20% whole clusters. A 5 day cold soak followed by a gradual warm-up allows fermentation to start naturally. The wine was aged on-lees for 13 months in 100% French oak, 33% new. The wine was bottled unfiltered and un-fined.

Harvest Notes

We started picking earlier than usual, but a mild fall provided extended picking windows allowing the fruit to ripen slowly and develop concentrated flavors. The precision of the finished wines showcases the friendly growing conditions.

Wine Specs

Vintage 2014

Varietal Pinot Noir

Appellation Sonoma Coast

Harvest Date First pick Sept. 6th

Last fruit was harvested Oct.7th

Aging 13 months in 100% French, 33% new

Bottling Date January 4, 2016 **Alcohol %** 14.2% by volume

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