

SONOMA-LOEB

2014 PINOT NOIR

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County
Winemaker, Phillip Corallo-Titus



WINE STATISTICS

September 9 - September 26, 2014
25.0° Average Brix at harvest
TA: .62 g/100 ml
pH: 3.86
Alc: 14.5%

THE WINE

This exceptional Pinot Noir is made exclusively from grapes grown at two of the Sonoma Coast's most storied winegrowing sites: Dutton Ranch and Sangiacomo Vineyard. Both the Duttons and Sangiacomos are renowned multigenerational winegrowing families, whose vineyards have become benchmarks for the region. This alluring wine showcases the pure varietal character that can be achieved when Pinot Noir is grown in the ideal locations. The result is a vibrant, fruit-driven expression of Pinot Noir with abundant spicy berry and red fruit notes, as well as refreshing acidity. It was aged for 10 months in French oak barrels and gently handled to preserve the delicate nuances of the Pinot Noir.

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

For the third year in a row, Mother Nature provided exceptional growing conditions. In fact, 2012, 2013 and 2014 may be the finest run of growing seasons we have seen in our quarter century of Sonoma County winemaking. 2014 offered lovely temperate, mid-season weather that was ideal for our early ripening varieties. With no threat of rain or significant heat events, our fruit was harvested at an unhurried pace in pristine condition. Overall, our yields were down slightly from 2013, resulting in beautiful overall depth and concentration in both our Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs.

TASTING NOTES

This wine begins with a nose that is both vibrant and complex, with lovely ripe red fruit aromas, as well as appealing notes of baking spice, white pepper, rose petal and moist earth. On the palate, it is round and mouthfilling with pomegranate, cola and sweet red currant flavors, supported by notes of sweet toasted oak and vanilla bean.