

# 2014 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Highlighted by dark cherry aromas with hints of bramble and underbrush, the 2014 Sonoma Coast offers a full gamut of fruit and savory notes. Crushed rocks and pencil shavings further add to the overall complexity. The texture in the mouth is compelling with a nice interplay of acidity and mouth-filling tannins. Flavors of black cherry and pomegranate are juxtaposed with hints of toasted walnut and bergamot. The palate is punctuated by cherry pit and a lovely floral lift, leaving a lasting impression in the mouth. Please make sure to hold onto a few bottles for the long haul.

### THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the Hirsch Vineyard, the Coastlands Vineyard and our Drake Estate Vineyard.

## HARVEST 2014

After two stellar vintages, 2014 completes the trifecta of high quality growing seasons where the wines exhibit purity of place with generous fruit and elegant textures. The season began as one of the driest winters on record with only 40% of normal rainfall by mid-season. April rains replenished the soil's moisture profile to re-invigorate the plants, boost growth, and help set a bountiful crop. The harvest season was near perfect with warm temperatures allowing for a leisurely picking schedule. 2014 is a superb vintage of compelling nature and will develop well with long range cellaring.

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Barrel Description: 50% new, 50% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 10 months

pH: 3.59

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

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