

CRAFTWORK

Estate Grown Pinot Noir

Monterey, California 2014

Wine Highlights:

- Blend of Clones 667, 115, 777 & Pommard
- 100% Pinot Noir – no blenders
- 100% Estate Grown, Produced & Bottled



Tasting Notes: An elegant and stylish wine, with aromas of strawberries and vivid red fruit flavors balanced with subtle spice and a delicate mineral note. Our Craftwork Pinot Noir is a graceful and balanced offering that is the ultimate food wine. It pairs beautifully with grilled salmon, roast duck, pork tenderloin or soft-ripened cheeses.

Winemaking: The delicate Pinot Noir grapes were picked by hand at optimum ripeness. Upon arrival at the winery, they were destemmed, but not crushed, into small fermentation bins and allowed to cold soak at 50°F for 2 – 3 days to help stabilize color and enhance flavor. The juice was then fermented in open-top fermenters and punched down 3 times a day at the height of fermentation, and held on the skins for 2 – 3 weeks before pressing. The wine was carefully aged with a combination of new and neutral oak to craft a lush, elegant wine with bright fruit and vivid flavors.

Vintage: Not to be outdone by the 2013 growing season, the 2014 vintage was another stunner. Spring came early and lasted long. In the summer, cool nights led into overcast mornings that were followed by breezy, warm afternoons. These temperate conditions and ideal temperatures made the 2014 growing season an excellent one for even ripening and good flavor development.

Vineyards: Of all varietals, Pinot Noir is the most sensitive to its terroir. Our cool climate estate vineyards, with a selection of the best Dijon clones, consistently produce top quality Pinot Noirs. The area around the small towns of Greenfield and Soledad is blessed with a perfect climate for this temperamental varietal, with evening coastal fogs that often linger until mid-morning the following day. This allows the intricate fruit flavors to develop while preserving crucial acidity. A combination of right location and traditional winemaking allows us to craft a graceful and expressive wine that delivers classic Pinot Noir flavors, complexity, and a silky smooth finish.

