



2014

Vineyard Montage Pinot Noir

Santa Lucia Highlands



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VINEYARD

Sarmento Vineyard, Monterey County

The 2014 CRU Vineyard Montage Pinot Noir was sourced primarily from the marine-influenced Sarmento Vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. The vineyard is characterized by morning fog and afternoon winds which help to provide an ideal climate for Burgundian varietals. Multiple clones were used in the production of this pinot noir including 667, 777, 115 and Pommard 4. By utilizing various clones from multiple elevations, the wine-maker creates depth, complexity in aroma and balance to the final blend.

WINE ANALYSIS

Total Acid	6.6 g/l	Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
RS	1 g/l	Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands
pH	3.66	Aging Process	9 Months French Oak
Finished Alcohol	14.5%		20% New Barrels
Case Production	8792		

APPELLATION DETAIL

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TASTING NOTES

The final blend was aged in 20% new French Oak barrels composed of Damy and Billon with both medium and medium+ toast levels for 9 months. This aging process creates a nose of freshly picked cherries, cedar and earth. The complexity of multiple clones and elevations shows flavors of blueberry, pomegranate, cranberry and infused tea that is nicely balanced with hints of toasted oak. This showcase wine is a true homage to classic Burgundian pinot noirs.

ACCOLADES



- Double Gold – San Francisco International Wine Competition
- Double Gold, Class Champion – Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Best of SLH, Gold & 90 Points – Toast of the Coast Wine Competition
- Gold and 95 Points – California State Fair
- Gold and Best Pinot Noir – Central Coast Wine Competition
- 89 Points – Wine Enthusiast