

## 2014 Charles Vineyard Pinot Noir

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

The Charles Vineyard Pinot Noir is our flagship Pinot, crafted from all four clones grown

in our estate vineyard in Boonville, in the Anderson Valley appellation.

Fruit arrived from the vineyard via tractor (no trucks). It was hand-sorted, then added to fermentation bins with 50% whole clusters. The stems were in excellent condition in 2015 due to warm, even weather, and we included the largest percentage of whole clusters that we've used to-date.

We have never inoculated on-site, using only native yeast and native malolactic strains. (A recent DNA test confirmed our main yeast strain is indeed a native, yet-to-be-identified culture.)



Pinot Noir "caviar": the destemmed berries sit on top of whole clusters in our fermenters.

Punchdowns were done by hand for more than three weeks — a typical fermentation length for our cellar. We then pressed everything in a traditional, wooden basket press.

The final wine was aged in French oak barrels until late the next summer, when we bottled it unfined and unfiltered, as we do with all our Pinot Noirs.

Clones: 777, 114, 115, Pommard 05

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

Barrel Aging: 33.3% new French oak barrels

**pH/TA:** 3.6 / 6.3

Ingredients: Grapes, tartaric acid, sulfur dioxide

Suitable for vegetarians and vegans

Cases Produced: 400 (12, 750mL bottles)

Release Date: October 2016 Suggested Retail Price: \$48

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