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PINOT NOIR

While honoring the winemaking legacy that has earned Pine Ridge its reputation, our open sourcing approach brings together the best fruit, regardless of appellation, to craft wines of exceptional quality and distinctive style.

THE WINE Sourced from diverse vineyards located on the western edge of the Central Coast of California, the defining characteristic is coastal influence. San Luis Obispo County grapes from the west side of Paso Robles and pristine vineyards in Edna Valley provide a base of dense, black fruit and spice notes. With its loamy soils and cool maritime climate, Monterey County adds impeccable balance, layered red berry fruit and clean minerality.

THE WINEMAKING Picked by hand in the cool of the coastal night, these grapes were hand-sorted at the winery before being destemmed into stainless open-top fermentors. After a short cold soak, the juice was inoculated with a mix of native and premium cultured yeasts and fermented for 8 to 14 days. The caps were punched down twice a day by hand to gently extract color and flavor. The wine was then carefully transferred to oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging.

THE FLAVOR PROFILE Brilliant aromas of juicy red cherry and strawberry rhubarb pie amid hints of sweet briar and subtle cinnamon delight the nose. The palate teems with luscious blueberry, raspberry and vivid cherry fruit. Vibrant acidity and faultless balance characterize the lush palate. The wine finishes smoothly with hints of ground clove, wildflower honey and bramble berry with a meandering, graceful finish.

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

60% San Luis Obispo (20% Edna Valley)

40% Monterey

VINTAGE NOTES

Cooler than usual temperatures lasted throughout the growing season until a warmer October led to optimal ripeness at the time of harvest.

The persistent morning fog and sunny afternoon breezes coupled with idyllic temperatures persisted during the growing season, leading to evenly-ripened fruit, excellent color extraction and bright acidity.



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APPELLATION	60% San Luis Obispo & 40% Monterey Counties
ALCOHOL	13.8%
RELEASE DATE	November 2013
SRP	\$24



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