

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2014 ROSE OF PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Confidant Vineyard lies on a western facing slope in northern Russian River giving it great sun exposure and concentrated fruit with smaller berries and intense color. The Barron Vineyard on its lighter, more sandy soils to the south in the Green Valley area develops its plush, red-fruited characters more slowly.

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

GROWING SEASON NOTES: Bud break for 2014 was one of the earliest in recent years occurring in mid-March for Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley. Although the dry winter of 2013/14 caused concerns over the ongoing drought, abundant rains in mid-February ensured that vineyards started the season with ample water in their soil profiles. Continued above average, but consistent, temperatures throughout the first half of the growing season ensured optimal vine development. As August approached harvest appeared that it would be extremely early for all varieties, but cooler weather from mid-August to mid-September led to a lengthening of the growing season and more gradual, even ripening than initially expected. This uniform and consistent ripening led to some of the highest quality seen in the past decade.

HARVEST DATE: Barron Vineyard September 4 and Confidant Vineyard September 12

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir - 58% Barron Vineyard – 42% Confidant Vineyard

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 7 months in used French Oak

TASTING NOTES: Fresh and delicate raspberry notes on the nose. The palate is smooth and creamy with strawberry short cake flavors complemented by hints of vanilla and touches of nutmeg. Delicious on its own as an aperitif, will pair well with your grilled summer meals and salads.

PRODUCTION: 65 cases

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