

2014 "Terra De Promissio" Pinot Noir



Vineyard Notes:

Owned and operated by Charles and Diana Karren, Terra de Promissio (Land of Promise) is located in the Petaluma Gap. Hands-on, sustainable farming practices are employed for the twenty acres of Pinot Noir planted in 2002.

The soil, sun exposure, hill elevation, and vine density allow the grapes to have a slow maturation and extended hang time. The soils seem to have loamy clay down low and more cobbly loam as you go up the hill. The cool winds from the Gap coupled with the sun exposure (vineyard is planted South-West Facing) make for lower sugars, higher acids, and a more tactile wine than I would imagine possible from this spot.

I have rarely harvested the fruit at higher than 23 Brix and have always found it to be ripe in the true sense of the term. Because the wine ends up a point lower than my other Pinots I age this in closer to 30% new French oak and that tiny percentage lower makes a big difference in the finished nuances of the wine. Most of what we work with is clone 777 and a little bit of Calera.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Stainless steel fermented, aged for 16 months in new French oak barrels, sur lees. Cherry red in color. Floral notes of sassafras, rose and rooibos tea with hints of Asian spice. Secondary notes of orange peel, forest floor, and tobacco. Bright flavors of red plum, ripe cranberry, and orange pekoe tea. Finishes long and refined with notes of bing cherry, tobacco, and baker's chocolate.

Production:

260 Cases

Alcohol:

13.9%

Date Harvested:

September 10th

