

2014 PINOT NOIR, Sonoma Coast



HARVEST DATE September 13, 2013

BRIX 24.1

PH 3.66

TA 5.3

CASES PRODUCED 860

RELEASE DATE March 2016

PRODUCTION NOTES

Our 2014 Flanagan Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast continued the string of "winemaker vintages" that started with the 2012 vintage. For the third year in a row, there were no damaging weather events and fruit condition was excellent. We continue to do relatively short fermentations with some whole cluster additions. The wine was aged in Francois Freres and Rousseau barrels for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is the first that includes fruit from our two new vineyard designate sites. Both Sunchase and Sonoma Stage are well regarded, cool climate Sonoma Coast vineyards and in 2014 both produced abundant, ripe, clean fruit. The resulting wine is reflective of the cooler climate sites and shows more restraint and more elegance than the 2013 Pinot Noir. The fruits are focused on black cherry and nearly ripe black plum (sweet, but crisp and not flabby). We used a gentler touch on the oak to allow the great vineyard sites and the beautiful vintage to shine through.