



2014 PINOT NOIR

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AL LAGO WINES

BLEND

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD & VINTAGE

100% ESTATE GROWN IN THE SANTA ROSA VALLEY

SOIL: SANDY CLAY LOAM

ROOTSTOCK: 101-14 LOW VIGOR//WET FEET TOLERANT

TRELLIS: VERTICAL SHOOT POSITION (VSP)

VINTAGE: HARVEST CAME ABOUT 3 WEEKS EARLIER THAN LAST YEAR. IT WAS EXPECTED AFTER THE CONSECUTIVE DRY WINTERS CALIFORNIA HAS HAD. WITHOUT AVAILABLE WATER TO PLUMP UP THE BERRIES, WE SAW RELATIVELY SMALL CLUSTERS COME IN. THE BENEFIT WAS THE SKIN TO JUICE RATIO CONCENTRATED THE FLAVORS. THE RESULT WAS A PINOT BURSTING THE FRUIT FLAVORS AND OFFERING TEXTURE RARELY ACHIEVED FOR THE VARIETAL.

PRODUCTION

30% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRIQUES 70% NEUTRAL

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

CLONES: 777, 667, 115

BRIX AT HARVEST: 22.5

DRINKING WINDOW: NOW-2024

TASTING NOTES

AROMAS OF COLA, FRESH SUGAR CANE, CRUSHED ROSE PETALS AND RASPBERRY COMPOTE GIVE A LIVELY INTRODUCTION TO THIS PINOT NOIR. THE BRIGHT ACIDITY OF THE WINE LEADS THE PALATE INTO LONG NOTES OF RIPE CRANBERRIES, SWEET TEA, RHUBARB, AND BLACK CHERRIES. THE HIGH ACID PROFILE OF THE WINE GUARANTEES EVOLVING COMPLEXITY. WITH PROPER CELLARING THIS WINE WILL AGE BEAUTIFULLY FOR YEARS TO COME.