

2012 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Vineyard Profile

30% VINING VINEYARD
30% INDINOLI VINEYARD
25% BLACK KNIGHT VINEYARD
15% SANGIACOMO ROBERTS ROAD VINEYARD

The Sonoma Coast, a world-renowned growing region southwest of the Russian River and just six miles from the Pacific Ocean is known worldwide for its cool-climate Pinot Noir and microclimates that contribute to slow grape maturation and optimum ripeness. Small lots of fruit were sourced from four exceptional Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley vineyards exclusively for Calstar Cellars Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir.

Each vineyard that contributes to the 2012 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir expresses unique site characteristics. I have worked with the Vining for several years and am proud to have access to this excellent fruit source. The Indinoli Vineyard is located on Vine Hill School Road in the Santa Rosa Laguna region, known for its cooler temperatures, foggy mornings and sandy soils. The Black Knight Vineyard has been farmed since the late 1800s, though the current vineyard was planted in 2000. Located on Taylor Mountain, the vineyard is just north of the Petaluma Gap and west of Bennett Valley, providing a very cool hillside growing site that is ideal for coastal Pinot Noir. The Sangiacomo Roberts Road Vineyard has early morning sun and daily ocean breeze from the Petaluma gap and contributes fine tannins and plummy undertones to the blend.

Winemaker Notes

Deeply colored ruby violet in the glass. On the nose, the 2012 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir showcases the hallmark notes of cassis, dried cherry, sassafras and cedar that set cool climate Sonoma Coast vineyards apart. With time, the aromas shift from bright, ripe fruitiness to brooding, darker minerality and spice. The flavors mimic the aromas with red fruit—cranberry, raspberry and pomegranate—dominating the palette with secondary notes of bay leaf and white pepper. Soft yet gripping tannins give weight and structure while juicy cranberry tangerine acidity finish provides balance and length.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Davis".

-Proprietor & Winemaker, Rick Davis

Production Data

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Harvest Date: September 10-October 5, 2012
Date Bottled: June 27, 2013
Aging: Barrel aged 9 months,
30% new European oak

pH: 3.65
TA: 6.05
Production: 170 cases

