



2014 Pratt Vine Hill Pinot Noir

This young vineyard in the Laguna Ridge of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley has soils that remind one of a moonscape. It has some of the whitest soil in the region; it is very sandy Goldridge soil. The Dijon clone 667, along with the Mount Eden, Swan, and Martini clones (also known as "heritage" or "suitcase" clones, so named because sometimes the plant material was imported from France in vintners' suitcases) thrive in this soil.

The result is a very perfumed and elegant Pinot Noir. The vineyard is farmed by Jim Pratt. His attention to detail in the farming is reflected in the exceptional quality of the fruit. Inman Family receives 100% of the Pinot Noir from this vineyard. The property is at the corner of Vine Hill Road and Vine Hill School Road, near a number of very acclaimed vineyards.

Appellation: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Fruit Source: Jim Pratt's Vine Hill Vineyard

Tasting Notes

Color: Light ruby

Aroma: Crushed violets, lavender, raspberry, and blueberry

Flavor: Raspberry, cherry, blueberry, red delicious apple peel, and mineral. The texture is luscious and silky. The tannins are moderate and the fruit, acid, and oak are well balanced.

Winemaker Notes

The grapes were harvested by hand on August 30th. After destemming, the fruit cold soaked for 4 days and a spontaneous, natural fermentation was allowed to begin. When dry, a basket press was used. The wine settled overnight and then was barreled down to a mix of older French oak barrels. A natural malolactic fermentation occurred. The wine rested on the fine lees, receiving regular bâtonnage until May 2016 when it was racked in preparation for bottling under Stelvin closure.

Case Production: 196

VINTAGE
2014

VARIETAL
Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATE
August 30, 2014

TA
0.58

PH
3.54

AGING
French Oak

BOTTLING DATE
May 3, 2016

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.0

ALCOHOL
14.5%

INMAN
Family