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Fiddlestix Vineyard

Pinot Noir

Sta. Rita Hills

No.

ALC 14.1% BY VOLUME



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PINOT NOIR
FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD**

VINTAGE: 2014

APPELLATION: STA. RITA HILLS

VARIETAL: PINOT NOIR

VINEYARDS: 100% FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD

HARVEST DATE: 9/15/2014

BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.5°

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

pH: 3.57

TA: 6.7 g/L

CASE PRODUCTION (9L): 500 cases

CASE PACK: 6 x 750ML

RELEASE DATE: 11/2015

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$50



VINEYARDS:

Located in the heart of the Santa Rita Hills appellation, Fiddlestix Vineyard encompasses some of the finest cool climate Pinot Noir grown on the Central Coast. With fruit recognized for unparalleled depth and intensity, we carefully apply minimal punch-downs by hand during fermentation to extract the precise amount of color and flavor needed to produce a wine that is ultimately full, yet balanced. We work closely with vineyard owner Kathy Joseph to obtain optimum ripeness and flavors at harvest. Summerland Winery sources the Pommard cultivar along with the Dijon clones 667, 777, 113 from Fiddlestix Vineyard.

VINIFICATION:

The grapes were allowed to cold soak for a period of 6-7 days to extract color and flavor. The wine underwent fermentation in 1.5 ton open top fermenters and with manual punch-downs. Each Pinot Noir lot was inoculated with Assmanhausen yeast for its slow fermentation properties and organoleptic influence. The maceration period averaged 20-25 days for optimum tannin and color extraction. Aging took place in 100% François Frères cooperage from a variety of forests for 11 months in 1/2 new oak. As always, we pushed the envelope during harvest in order to achieve full ripeness and mature phenolic development.

TASTING NOTES:

Even with or early harvest and mild winter, this Pinot Noir has an intense and profound ruby color. A gorgeous nose of baking spices and plums, graced by a touch of dried flowers and incense. Its ample acids lend firmness and length. Great homogeneous structure on a base of beautiful oak, the 2014 Fiddlestix has a finish, which is persistent, complex with graceful tannins.

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