



2013 Pinot Noir Wildcat Mountain Vineyard



ORIGIN: The grapes for this Pinot Noir came exclusively from our Wildcat Mountain Vineyard, owned by Steve MacRostie and his partners Nancy and Tony Lilly. Here the vines dig into the sparse volcanic soil and stand firm against the strong winds that race in off of the Pacific Ocean most afternoons. This fog-shrouded mountaintop vineyard is a classic Sonoma Coast site, cool and challenging, and produces wines of great distinction.

VINEYARD NOTES: 2013 had ideal temperatures and growing conditions. The fruit came in the door healthy, ripe and luscious. The grapes that made the Wildcat Mountain wine came from Arrow block and Hill block which were planted in 2002. The fruit was hand harvested in the cool early morning on September 10th, 2013.

WINEMAKING NOTES: The fruit was gently destemmed into small open-top fermentors, using state-of-the-art equipment and procedures to avoid any pumping of must. Inoculation with select yeast strains followed a three-day cold soak, and the caps were managed with a combination of pumpovers and punchdowns. The fruit, clone I15 from Arrow Block, is an early ripening Dijon clone that added lively fruit aromatics. The pommard from Hill block introduced structure and acidity. After 12 months of ageing in exclusively French oak barrels, of which, 43% were new. We bottled in October of 2014.

TASTING NOTES: Dark garnet in color, the nose is layered with red cherry and cinnamon spice. The palate is dominated with cocoa and leather giving this wine a strong mid palate and a lengthy finish.

This vintage produced 887 (9L) cases.

Suggested Retail Price \$54

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