



MACROSTIE

2013 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

92 Points – “I appreciate this wine for its artful blend of my favorite Pinot characteristics – vibrant cherry fruit, dusty dry earth minerality, mild fall spice and a citric quality to the finish that refreshes the palate while lingering pleasantly. Another fine example of what's turning out to be a spectacular vintage for Pinot Noir in California.”

– Rich Cook, December 2015, *Wine Review Online*

91 Points: Excellent; Highly recommended – “The winery’s larger production offering, this is made from a handful of vineyards, including many used in vineyard-designates. Blending prowess shows in this wine that explodes in plum and clove. Tight, bright acid buoys flavors of strawberry, cranberry and orange, with a twisted funk of earth on the finish.”

– Virginie Boone, May 2016, *Wine Enthusiast*

90 Points – “The color is deceiving. On the lighter side, it suggests this vintage of the MacRostie Sonoma Coast might be on the thin side. On the contrary, the flavors of strawberry and raspberry are rich and vivid, with soft tannins and a hint of oak spice. A surprise, yes, but a very pleasant surprise.”

– Robert Whitley, December 2015, *Wine Review Online*

90 Points: Outstanding – “Bright, juicy and spicy with tangy cherry fruit and savory notes of earth and spice; light, crisp and long.”

– Anthony Dias Blue, February 2016, *The Tasting Panel*

4+ Stars: Excellent – “Fine quality and value, this is a fragrant, full bodied, balanced Pinot Noir that is long on the palate, and lightly tannic on the finish. It tastes of cherry, rose petal, clove, toast, and red currant. Excellent.”

– Ronn Wiegand, December 2016, *Restaurant Wine*

The Good Gets Better – “MacRostie Winery’s Pinot Noirs have always landed in the positive camp for me. But even so, California’s – and especially Sonoma County’s – trend toward higher quality Pinot Noir has made those wines even finer.

Consider the basic MacRostie Pinot Noir, currently the **2013 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir**... Steve MacRostie has driven the winery’s vineyard sourcing westward, and the current wine has more finesse and complexity than I recall in the earlier versions. The wine shows a fine line of acidity, cherry and floral notes and persistent length. Almost half of the grapes for the 2013 wine came from Russian River Valley; the balance includes grapes from the Petaluma Gap and Fort Ross-Seaview, acclaimed cool-climate areas for Pinot Noir. Specific vineyards include Steve MacRostie’s own Wildcat Mountain Vineyard in the Petaluma Gap, Goldrock Ridge in the extreme Sonoma Coast near Annapolis, Hellenthal in Fort Ross-Seaview, and Dutton Winkler in Russian River Valley.”

– Mary Ewing-Mulligan, January 2016, *Wine Review Online*





MacRostie turns persnickety grapes into wonderful wines – “A rich cherry color and fruity bouquet of raspberries, dark cherries, red apples, figs and herbs introduce the Sonoma Coast Pinot’s lush, mouth-filling flavor of dark cherries, raspberries and figs. Slightly tart, it offers mild tannin and sly minerality amid shadows of pepper and charcoal. This is good drinking—straightforward and tasty.”
– Robert Calvert, July 2016, *Charleston Style & Design*

89 Points: Very Good – “Moderately light cherry red color in the glass. The nose is both fruity and savory with scents of cherry, strawberry, spice, dried herbs and turned earth. The flavors echo the aromas with some added raspberry notes. Light to mid weight in style and very pleasant, with good vibrancy and silky tannins, finishing modestly with red cherry goodness.”
– Rusty Gaffney, January 2016, *PinotFile*