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2014
PINOT NOIR
VAN DER KAMP VINEYARD
Sonoma Mountain | Sonoma County

ABOUT

The van der Kamp family tends this high-elevation vineyard, the crown jewel of Sonoma Mountain. At 1400 ft. elevation, van der Kamp vineyard sits above the frost line and experiences its own microclimate. Pinot Noir thrives on van der Kamp's north-facing bench with a cooling influences and an abundance of sun. The patchwork of soil types includes loam with volcanic material and decomposed river bed. Cared for with organic treatments, the site includes some dry-farmed blocks. These multigenerational winegrowers are intimately connected to the land and their family home overlooks the vines on this mountain-top oasis.

WINEMAKING

We phase our picking at van der Kamp vineyard so that each block is harvested at ideal ripeness and 2014 was no exception. This Pinot Noir expresses a dynamic, cross-section of van der Kamp vineyard. Five clones—UCD 23, 777, 828, Swan, Old Vine heritage— are used from different locations on the property, providing a painter's palate of color and adding to the overall complexity of the finished wine. The van der Kamps also cultivate Pinot Meunier, a variety related to Pinot Noir, known for its delicate nature. We included 15% Pinot Meunier in this bottling, vinified as whole clusters and contributing to the aromatic allure of the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Dynamic bouquet of wild strawberry, anise and graphite. With time in glass, the aromas lead to leather, dark cherry with a white-pepper earthiness. Velvety on the entry, the palate is marked with pomegranate and full-framing tannins, cinched with bright acidity. The mouthwatering finish ends on a note of vanilla. A structured, Old World-styled Pinot Noir that expresses the complexity of mature vines.

TECHNICAL NOTES

100% Pinot Noir | Swan, 777, UCD 23, 828, Old Vine heritage clone
Open-top fermentors, native primary and secondary fermentations
Alc. 14.6% | pH 3.55 | TA 0.60 g/100mL
252 cases
Price $42