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2014

PINOT NOIR

HAWK'S ROOST VINEYARD

Russian River Valley | Sonoma County

ABOUT

Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, and farmed by hand by owner Chuck Jones, Hawk's Roost Vineyard is planted entirely to the UCD 23 clone, which is known for its strength and boldness. This clone vaunts larger cluster and berry sizes than most Pinot Noir clones; the dark berries are often described as blueberry-like. This bottling is the only Pinot Noir in La Follette's portfolio crafted from one clone. Hawk's Roost's singular expression of Pinot Noir highlights the UCD 23 clone's concentrated fruit flavors and big, audacious identity.

WINEMAKING

The 2014 Hawk's Roost Pinot Noir displayed its amazing depth of color even in the early days in the cellar. De-stemmed into our largest modified dairy tank, it cold soaked for four days before beginning a very smooth and even native fermentation. Careful not to over-extract this powerful material, punch-downs were kept to one or two a day. Pressed at dryness, the wine went straight to barrel, and racked once before the year's end. Bottling occurred in January 2016 to allow the flavors and tannins to knit together in this final stage of *élevage*.

TASTING NOTES

Unfined and unfiltered, this wine has a saturated ruby hue with a semi-transparent opaque core. Cocoa, blackberry and a pleasing note of pink peppercorn mark the dark and sumptuous bouquet. Rich earth, densely layered fruit and taut acidity create a bold, perfectly structured Pinot Noir. A satin texture ramps up to firm, mouth-filling tannins that persist into a long, savory finish. A vivid iteration of what has been described as an elusive variety, this is satisfyingly outside the mold; a Russian River Valley iconoclast.

TECHNICAL NOTES

100% Pinot Noir | UCD 23

16 months in one new, five once-used and two neutral French oak barrel
Alc. 14.2% | pH 3.25 | TA 0.72 g/100mL

187 cases

Price \$42

