

2014 Lester Family Vineyards Pinot Noir



The Vineyard:

Located in the Santa Cruz Mountains near the town of Aptos, the Lester Family Vineyards at Deer Park is owned by the Dan and Pat Lester Family. The vineyard is planted to Dijon clones 115, 667, 777 as well as Clone 37 (Mount Eden), and the Swiss Clones 2A and 23. Because of the close proximity of the Monterey Bay, the grapes are able to attain full physiological ripeness without excessive brix levels, resulting in wines of exceptional intensity and balance.

The Vintage:

Faced with a long, dry and cool growing season, the grapes were able to develop full ripe fruit flavors while retaining excellent natural acidity. Cool conditions throughout the harvest season allowed us to pick the fruit at the moment of optimal maturity. Harvest date: September 2, 2014.

Winemaking:

80% of the grapes were de-stemmed and 20% were left as whole clusters. Then they were placed into a small open-topped fermenter. The must was chilled to 50 degrees Fahrenheit and cold soaked for five days. Fermentation occurred spontaneously. No punch downs were performed. To avoid over-extraction and to keep the cap moist during fermentation we performed rack-and-returns via gravity. After fermentation the wine was pressed off directly into French oak barrels where it was allowed to undergo a natural malo-lactic fermentation. It was then aged for 12 months on its lees, and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

The Wine:

Medium ruby color, with the delicate aroma of rose petals on the nose, ripe strawberry, cranberry and cherry fruits on the palate. Elegant and juicy, with a good backbone of acidity and a long finish.

Technical Data:

Production	143 cases	Release Date	Spring 2016
Alcohol	13.5 % by vol.	Aging	12 months in French oak (33% new)
Bottle Size	750 ml, 1.5L & 3 L	Suggested Retail	\$42