



## 2013 Pinot Noir

### Dijon Clones' • Napa Valley

**The always delicious Dijon Clones is luscious, ripe and rich with amazing balance and Pinot essence. Dynamite!**

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#### ABOUT THIS WINE

One of the factors improving the overall quality of Pinot Noir in California is the planting of the so-called 'Dijon Clones' of Pinot Noir. A clone is a genetically distinct sub-type of a grape variety created by taking cuttings from an original mother vine with desirable characteristics and propagating new, identical vines. The Dijon Clones originated from vines in Burgundy, France and were brought to the United States by a group of winemakers in the 1960's and 70's and are now one of the premier clones of Pinot Noir in the U.S. This vintage once again is sourced from the Green Island Vineyard which is located in the very cool, south end of the Napa Valley.

This vintage offers an earthy style which is a bit lighter in body than previous vintages of our 'Dijon Clones' Pinot Noir. What it lacks in richness it makes up for in aromatics. The wine offers a very complex and unique nose of tart raspberry, cranberry, earth and peat. Pure, precise and concentrated with great finesse this wine lingers for an extended period after first sip. This sophisticated wine has ample fruit upon first taste and silky tannins make for immediate accessibility. Delicious now....pull the cork and enjoy!

After hand sorting, the clusters were de-stemmed into a small open-top fermenter. After a two-day cold soak, the must was inoculated with Assmanhausen yeast. The cap was punched-down twice daily, by hand. After a gentle pressing, the wine was inoculated for malolactic fermentation and barreled down to traditional burgundian barrels. The barrels used were 25% new French oak and 75% two and three year old French barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for 9 months. Only 287 cases produced.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

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| <b>Vintage:</b>     | 2013            | <b>Alcohol:</b>      | 14.2%                         |
| <b>Wine Type:</b>   | Medium Red Wine | <b>Cases:</b>        | 287                           |
| <b>Varietal:</b>    | Pinot Noir      | <b>Barrel Aging:</b> | 9 Months                      |
| <b>Appellation:</b> | Napa Valley     | <b>Barrels:</b>      | 25% French Oak 75% Old French |