



## 2014 'Dijon Clones' Sonoma County Pinot Noir

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. 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. We are fortunate that our friends at Robert Sinskey winery were able to offer to us some amazing '777' Dijon Clones fruit from their Ramal Road Vineyard which is located at the southernmost end of the town of Sonoma in the very cool south Sonoma County.

This vintage offers a fruit-forward style which has rich aromas yet an elegant and soft palate. The wine offers a very complex and unique nose of pomegranate, red plum and charred oak. Pure and bright with mouthwatering acidity and flavors of vivid plum and earth this wine makes you want to dive in and take another sip. Mouth filling and delicious with a soft finish, this wine begs for a seat at tonight's dinner table no matter what is being served!

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 malo-lactic fermentation and barreled down to traditional Burgundian barrels. The barrels used were 30% new French oak and 70% two and three year old French barrels and aged 9 months before bottling. **Only 173 cases produced.**

Vintage	2014
Wine Type	Red
Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Sonoma County
Alcohol	13.6%
Cases	173
Barrel Aging	9 months in 30% new French Oak, 70% 2 & 3 year old barrels

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