

PETER PAUL

— WINES —

2014 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Mill Station Road

In the harvest of 2014 Pinot Noir and Chardonnay emerged in early September from our Russian River Valley vineyards. The grapes tasted so good right off the vine that it was hard not to eat too many. The Pinot had just the right amount of ripe, red fruit flavor balanced by perfect acidity. Our Chardonnay, sourced exclusively from the famous Bacigalupi Vineyard, also showed the vintage pedigree. It was intoxicating to smell the aromas of fresh, young wine as we entered the winery each time.

About this wine:

This Pinot Noir comes from grapes grown near the tiny wine burg of Graton, situated just west of Gravenstein Highway. The highway provides a central corridor of terroir exceptionally suited to Pinot Noir within the Russian River Valley. All of our vineyard sources are adjacent to this 6-mile-long pathway that runs through the heart of the appellation. Mill Station Road, which abuts the vineyard that produces this wine, lies to the west of the highway. The vines grow on a bench rising up from Atascadero Creek—a unique topography that keeps the vineyard a bit cooler than the surrounding hillsides. Here, you will find classic Goldridge soils that impart layers of complex flavor and sophistication.

Fermentation was preceded by a 6-day cold soak, after which wild yeast gently began the process of transforming the juice into wine. Small, open-top fermenters were used and gentle punchdowns happened a couple times a daily. Free run wine was drained directly to barrels and kept separate from the press fraction, which was obtained with a basket press. The wine aged in Boutes French oak barrels, selected with medium-toast highlighting the prominent flavor elements in the wine. This Pinot Noir was bottled without filtration.

Tasting Notes:

Gorgeous notes of black cherry, all-spice and bay laurel with the same cola-like nuance we've expected from this particular vineyard. The flavor develops further with dark berries, bramble and that same stylishly fine-tuned herbal note we loved on the 2012. Silky tannins balance the bright acidity and alluring, lingering finish, promising several years of drinking pleasure.

Technical Data:

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Clone: Dijon 115

Oak: 100% French Oak, 55% new

Cases Produced: 379