

2013 BOUGETZ CELLARS THE CAIRN SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2013 vintage, amazingly, looks like it is on track to outshine 2012. The fruit for the 2013 The Cairn Pinot Noir shows a bit more weight and black fruit on the palate, when compared to the 2012. We vinified with 15% whole cluster providing a bit more mouthfeel and spiciness to the wine. We used just a bit more new oak as this year's version as it could handle it. Still a mix of 115, 667 and Pommard clones, this wine shows more black cherry and black raspberry flavors. While showing some breadth, the wine finishes clean showing its pleasant acid backbone.

HARVEST NOTES

2013 was the second stellar harvest in a row. We started the growing season off about 2 weeks ahead of 2012, and for the early ripening vineyards, like Volamus Vineyard Pinot Noir, we actually picked a full 2 weeks earlier than last year. With almost no rain at all through the growing season, we were lucky to get a bit of a cooling trend in August which allowed the fruit to hang a little longer and reach full maturity. We harvested 3 separate clones, 115, Pommard and 667 through the night on September 14th.



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Harvest date: September 14th, 2013

Appellation: Sonoma CoastVineyard: Volamus Vineyard

• Brix at harvest: 26.0

Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry

Fermentation: 14-day ferment

Aging: 10 months, with 40% new and 60% once used French Oak

• Alcohol: 14.3%

• pH: 3.65

TA: 5.67 g/L

Bottled: August, 2014

Case production: 200 casesWinemaker: Thomas Bougetz

• Suggested retail: \$39