



VINEYARD SOURCES: *100% Radian Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills.* One of the appellation's most picturesque and coldest vineyards, this estate is located in the southwest corner of Sta. Rita Hills, unsheltered from direct exposure to cold winds and marine fog from the Pacific Ocean. Planted in 2007, Radian has quickly become one of the new superstars of the AVA. Soils are very rocky with clay loam and generous amounts of diatomaceous earth. The austere soils combined with persistent coastal winds result in small clusters and tiny berries, leading to deep, concentrated wines. 70% of the blend is from clone 667; the balance is from clone 115.

VINTAGE: Contrary to the erratic weather of the 2010 and 2011 vintages, 2012 featured very favorable, well-timed weather patterns throughout the growing season. Winter rainfall was below average, but showers in March replenished the soil profile just as the vines were beginning the growth cycle. Consistently cool summer temperatures and several warm spells in September and October helped fully ripen the fruit. Crop size was characteristically small, which promoted concentration and complexity in the fruit. Grapes from Radian were harvested on October 4 and 6.

WINEMAKING: Pinot Noir clusters for this wine were hand sorted before being de-stemmed and gravity fed to fermenters. The must was immediately chilled for a pre-fermentation cold soak where the most beneficial extraction of color, aroma and flavor occurs. During fermentation, concentration was enhanced by gently punching down the cap several times per day. The wine aged 18 months in French oak barrels, longer than our other Pinot Noirs, allowing the extraordinary layers of complexity to be expressed. About 38% of the barrels were new French oak and the wine was bottled on April 16, 2014.

TASTING NOTES: This debut vineyard-designate from Radian Vineyard is a profound cold climate Pinot Noir from a classic vintage. Impactful and incredibly rich, the wine offers aromas of dark plum, cranberry and black raspberry accented by hints of blueberry, toasted almond, nutmeg, fresh earth and a subtle stone component. Intertwined flavors of plum, black raspberry and cranberry flavors are enhanced by a touch of seashell, dark earth and white pepper, offering a continuum of complexity. The opulent texture is beautifully balanced by a gentle thread of acidity and supportive tannins, ensuring the wine will age gracefully for years to come.

TECHNICAL DATA

T.A.: 6.1 g/l

pH: 3.43

Alcohol: 14.7%

Production: 203 cases