



VINEYARD SOURCES: 100% Zotovich Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills. The Zotovich Vineyard is a family-owned estate dedicated to farming superior quality Pinot Noir that truly reflects the vineyard site. The Zotovich family takes pride in the meticulous care they give the vineyard, which is geared towards land stewardship, restricting yields and maximizing grape quality. Located in the northern corridor of Sta. Rita Hills, the vineyard enjoys cool Pacific breezes and coastal fog, which contribute to the wine's rich texture and signature dark berry aromas and flavors.

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 Zotovich Vineyard were hand-harvested on October 2.

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 11 months in French oak barrels with 35% new French oak and was bottled on September 12, 2013.

TASTING NOTES: This vineyard-designated wine is our debut release from the acclaimed Zotovich Vineyard. Pure, dense aromas of black cherry and red plum are accented by hints of dark rose petal, cherry-rhubarb and exotic spice. The flavors are explosive on the palate with fresh notes of dark cherry, a touch of clove and a subtle thread of French oak. The mouthfeel is lush and luxurious, thanks in part to a sandy component in the soil composition at Zotovich Vineyard. The wine's bright acidity is perfectly balanced by an intrinsic richness, ensuring superb cellar potential and even greater complexity as the wine ages.

TECHNICAL DATA

T.A.: 6.3 g/l

pH: 3.59

Alcohol: 14.4%

Production: 95 cases