



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 focuses on 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. The block sourced for Ken Brown Wines is planted to clone 114.

VINTAGE: 2013 is hailed as a near perfect vintage across the state of California, described as “early, even and excellent.” Harvest began about two weeks earlier than normal in Santa Barbara County and weather patterns were ideal—every week brought a warm up followed by a cool down in temperatures. This pattern allowed grapes to develop slowly and evenly, enabling winemakers to pick at the perfect ripeness. A lack of rain during the harvest season also contributed to grape quality. Yields were slightly above normal due to a greater number of clusters on each vine, but berry size remained small. Grapes from Zotovich Vineyard were hand-harvested on September 18.

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 10 months in French oak barrels with 35% new French oak and was bottled on September 4, 2014.

TASTING NOTES: Pure, vibrant aromas of mixed berries and dark red cherry are accented by hints of pomegranate, black pepper and clove. The flavors are explosive on the palate with notes of dark cherry, berry, plum, fresh earth and a touch of seashell. The mouthfeel is lush and luxurious, thanks in part to the sandy soil component at Zotovich Vineyard. The wine’s bright acidity is perfectly balanced by an intrinsic richness from start to finish, ensuring superb cellar potential and even greater complexity as the wine ages.

TECHNICAL DATA

T.A.: 5.6 g/l

pH: 3.52

Alcohol: 14.3%

Production: 120 cases