



Bondi Home Ranch “Water Trough Vineyard” Pinot Noir
Green Valley of Russian River Valley
2014

Vineyard Character

The Bondi Home Ranch sits at the southernmost tip of the Russian River Valley in the Green Valley AVA in Sebastopol. The Bondi vineyard is planted with eastern exposure, which promotes even ripening with all day sun. The cool breeze from the sea rises in the late afternoon, skimming along the distant bank of fog, relieving the vines from the afternoon heat and enhancing slower ripening. The clones are 115, 777, 667, 828, 943 and Calera.

Growing Year

The growing year in 2014 was the third dry year in a row and was full of unforeseen challenges provided by Mother Nature. You would think the ongoing drought, excessive heat from March thru June, and hail in early April would have brought down the quality of this vintage. Thankfully this was not the case! Even though the harvest was very early, the small berry sizes and healthy yields have produced very well balanced wines; they are not over-bearing in tannin or structure, and are a pleasure to drink.

Wine Statistics

The grapes are picked between 25 and 26 degrees brix to ensure mature ripe fruit flavors. After picking, the whole berries undergo a long cool fermentation with wild yeast to generate skin contact and expose fruit character. The juice is transferred into oak barrels with a touch of residual sugar remaining to complete the fermentation process in barrel until dry. It rests in 80% new French oak on its gross lees for one year. Being a particular and moody varietal to tamper with, the grapes, juice, and then wine are minimally handled. The finished wine is un-fined, un-filtered, neither cold nor heat stabilized, clarified only by racking before bottling.

Case Production: 845

Tasting Notes

The 2014 Bondi Home Ranch Pinot Noir has an earthy nose with mint, leather, black mushrooms and blue fruits. Lush notes of raspberry and pomegranate fill your palate, and the finish is long and velvety.

Historical Acclaim

2014 Vintage

- 96 points Robert M Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate
- 92 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

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