



**Three Sisters Vineyard Pinot Noir**  
**Fort Ross – Seaview / Sonoma Coast**  
**2014**

**Vineyard Character**

The Three Sisters Vineyard consists of two small vineyard sites: the Meadow, and the Lambing Barn Ridge, as this land was originally used for raising sheep. This grape studded view lies upon the second ridge inland from the coastline at Fort Ross. Here above the fog line the skies are clear and pristine, yet in the winter the rain falls harder and denser than anywhere else in Sonoma County. Both sites are planted with clones 777, 115, and Pommard, with Josephine and Gold Ridge soils.

**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 size 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**

This petite vineyard is trained on a vertical trellis system with the fruit hanging just 24 inches above the ground. The vines are densely spaced and thinned between two and three pounds of fruit per vine. These practices insure even ripening and mature fruit character in the wine. After picking, the whole berries undergo a long cool fermentation to generate skin contact and expose fruit character, while fermenting with wild yeast. The juice is transferred into oak barrels with a touch of residual sugar remaining to complete the fermentation process in barrel until dry, resting in 60% new French oak for 10 months before bottling. This wine is neither heat nor cold stabilized, and is un-fined and unfiltered, clarified only by racking before bottling.

Case Production: 159

**Tasting Notes**

The 2014 Three Sisters Vineyard Pinot Noir has a classic perfumed cherry and tobacco firmness. A gorgeous palate entry of focused red fruit and licorice with lively vitality.

**Historical Acclaim**

**2013 Vintage**

- 92 pts. Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 90 pts. Robert M Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate

**2012 Vintage**

- 93 pts. Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 90 pts. Robert M Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate

**Winemaker:** Bryan Kvamme

**Consulting Winemaker:** Erin Green