



2014 PINOT NOIR

Our 2014 Simple Life Pinot Noir is garnet in color, aromas of luscious cherries, nutmeg and savory herbs bring the wine to life. Bright flavors of cranberry and ripe plum intermingle with sage and warm baking spices. Notes of vanilla from 100% French oak aging provide a lovely background for the complex and supple tannins. This wine has perfect balance between its dark fruit character and lively acidity, which makes it an easy pairing for a variety of foods. Try pairing with grilled salmon and green beans, pork loin spiced with oregano or creamy polenta with wild mushrooms.

APPELLATION

In crafting our 2014 Simple Life Pinot Noir, our winemakers sourced grapes from throughout California's prime grape growing regions. Known for its abundant sunshine which helps to ensure a reliable extended growing season, the "Golden State" has become an American winemaking mecca on par with the other great wine regions of the world. California boasts nearly 100 American Viticulture Areas (AVAs), that encompass over a half million acres of vineyards, supporting a diverse varietal mix. Cool climate varietals like Chardonnay and Pinot Noir thrive in the fog-bathed coastal areas, while the warmer inland valleys provide the perfect conditions for heartier heat loving varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Sauvignon Blanc.

VINTAGE

With another year in the record books, the 2014 vintage came in at the third-largest grape harvest ever, down eight percent from the previous year. A mild winter and spring with drought conditions persisting, bud break occurred early. From southern to northern California winemakers have stated that it was an even earlier harvest than years before, starting with sparkling grapes in July and ending mid-October for later ripening varieties. Despite the drought, California will produce another great vintage. Arid conditions have given the grapes a chance to struggle, which thins out the vines and allows the clusters to gain concentration of flavor, intensity and complexity.

BLEND	95% Pinot Noir 5% Barbera	APPELLATION	California	OAK AGING	10 months
		VINTAGE	2014	OAK SOURCING	100% French Oak 60% New, 40% Seasoned
		WINEMAKER	Greg Kitchens	PH	3.57
				TA	6.0 g/L
		ALCOHOL	13.5%	UPC	8 33302 00501 1