

Cherry Pie



2014 Stanly Ranch

VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION 100% Los Carneros, Napa

COOPERAGE 100% French Oak, 30% New

ALCOHOL 15.5%

Vineyard Notes

Pinot Noir was first planted at Stanly Ranch in the 1940s, when a clonal trial proved the ranch's well-drained day-loam soils and rolling hills ideal for growing the finicky varietal. The vineyard has been significantly refined over the years, and Stanly Ranch is now one of the most sought-after vineyards for Pinot Noir in California.

Winemaking Notes

We carefully chose the blocks for micro-lot fermentations to isolate the individual flavors and aromas. The majority of this wine was fermented in 500 liter French Oak Puncheons and punched down by hand. A portion was fermented in stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged in French Oak, a portion of which was the same puncheons the wine was fermented in that very year. The wine was never racked or filtered, and rested 'sur lie' for the entire aging period.

Tasting Notes

Dense ruby in color, the 2014 Stanly Ranch Pinot Noir first shows aromas of crushed berry, fresh lavender and rose with cola undertones. The palate is full-bodied in texture, showing bountiful notes of raspberry jam, baked strawberries and a hint of cherry cola atop cocoa flavors and powdered tannins. Laden with the same bold fruits as on the nose, the mid-palate shows layer upon layer of cranberry, dried rose petal and vanilla, carrying through the long finish.