



WAYFARER

2013 PINOT NOIR PAIGE'S RIDGE

TASTING NOTES

A singular expression of Dijon Clone 667, the dark ruby color of our 2013 Paige's Ridge heralds its great depth and intensity. Aromas of black currant, boysenberry and Bing cherry lead to warm notes of baking spices, brown sugar and licorice. The wine is voluptuous upon entry with mouth-coating flavors of cherry cordial, pomegranate, strawberry and vanilla cream, interwoven with notes of dark molasses, lavender oil and forest floor. Light on its feet with a lift of acidity on the back palate, this wine is beautifully balanced with a frame of polished tannins. It can be effortlessly enjoyed upon release, but will age gracefully for another 5–10 years.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2013 growing season was initially noted for its 40%-below-average rainfall amidst California's escalating drought. Ultimately, the vintage will be remembered for its intense, concentrated flavors and exceptional quality across every vineyard block. Mild spring temperatures beckoned bud break as normal on March 27th for Clone 667 on the steep, east-facing slope of Block 8. While a touch of gentle spring rain accelerated canopy growth, strategic shoot positioning and leaf removal afforded ideal air circulation and sun exposure for the beautifully formed clusters. Veraison began on July 27th and we harvested on September 7th.

WINEMAKING NOTES

We hand-picked and hand-sorted the fruit, reserving 20% for whole-cluster fermentation. The remaining berries were then de-stemmed and hand-sorted again before transfer to tank. Five to seven days of cold maceration preceded more than two weeks of 100% native yeast fermentation. The fruit was then gently pressed, its free-run juice transferred to 40% new French oak barrels for 15 months of aging.

ACCLAIM

"Paige's Ridge is gorgeously deep and complex showing licorice, blackberry, cherry, mint, red apple and rhubarb. The palate entry shows polished flavors of apple, cherry and spice with plenty of vitality and structure." 95 points, Doug Wilder, Purely Domestic Wine Report, March 2015

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ORIGIN	Wayferer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
ELEVATION	1,100 feet
SOIL	100% Goldridge
BLOCK	8
CLONE	Dijon 667
WINEMAKER	Bibiana González Rave
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	Less than 3 pounds per vine
HARVESTED	September 7, 2013
BOTTLED	December 18, 2014
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
ALCOHOL	14.6%
pH	3.56
TA	6.3 g/l
PRODUCTION	100 cases

