



WAYFARER

2013 PINOT NOIR THE TRAVELER

TASTING NOTES

The soulful expression of a single “suitcase clone,” The Traveler pays homage to the legendary journey of the original vine cutting from Burgundy’s most revered vineyard. Our 2013 vintage is beguiling in its interplay of power and purity. Provocative aromas of raspberry, violet and lilac mingle with delicate notes of forest floor, juniper berry and oolong tea. The entry is luxurious and supple with flavors of ripe boysenberry and red plum, driven forward by a focused acidity that recalls cranberry and rhubarb, then ascending through an endless finish warmed with notes of vanilla bean and toasted almond. It is a wine to patiently cellar, as it will best reveal its mysteries after five to seven years in bottle and will age beautifully for another ten years beyond.

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 24th for our “suitcase clone” nestled on the steep, east-facing slope of Block 9. 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 28th, and we harvested this prized block on September 5th.

WINEMAKING NOTES

We hand-picked and hand-sorted the fruit with all berries de-stemmed then 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 33% new French oak barrels for 15 months of aging.

ACCLAIM

“Silky, aromatic and lifted, the 2013 Pinot Noir The Traveler is fabulous. Freshly cut flowers, mint, sweet red berries, orange peel and white pepper form a gracious, compelling tapestry of aromas, flavors and textures. Supple, expressive and absolutely impeccable in its balance. Sweet, Chambolle-inflected overtones grace the exquisite, beguiling finish. What a gorgeous wine this is.” 95 points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous, January 2015

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ORIGIN	Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
ELEVATION	1,100 feet
SOIL	100% Goldridge
BLOCK	9
CLONE	Wayfarer
WINEMAKER	Bibiana González Rave
PRUNING	Double guyot
VINE YIELD	Less than 3 pounds per vine
HARVESTED	September 5, 2013
BOTTLED	December 18, 2014
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.42
TA	6.8 g/l
PRODUCTION	120 cases

