



Wait Cellars

GREEN VALLEY
OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY

Pinot Noir

2014

DEVOTO GARDEN VINEYARD

ALC 13.2% BY VOL

The **2014 Wait Cellars Green Valley Pinot Noir** is made from 100% hand-picked and hand-sorted fruit from the Devoto Garden Vineyard. Devoto Garden sits on a windy ridge west of Sebastopol in the Green Valley AVA of Sonoma County, California: a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley AVA, renowned for its cool temperatures and fog, and sought after for its sandy, well-drained Goldridge soil.

2014 was a warm, dry growing year, the third in a series on the North Coast. We picked early at 22-23 brix to preserve natural acids. The vines showed a fine stem lignification, and we fermented 25% of the fruit as whole clusters. Fermentation was conducted solely by wild resident yeasts. We pressed into 25% new French and Hungarian oak barrels, stirred the wine *sur lie* through the winter, and bottled at the end of the following summer without fining or filtration. The result is a profound, *terroir*-driven wine of remarkable focus and appeal.

Production: 220 cases
Varietal: Pinot Noir Dijon 828 and 115
Soil: Goldridge sandy loam
Crush: Hand harvest, hand sort, 25% stems;
3 day cold maceration
Ferment: Warm, closed top, native "wild" ferment
Elevage: 10 months *sur lie*, 25% new, 25% once-filled European oak; batonnage through winter, no racking
ABV: 13.2%
Aromas: Bright cherry compote, clove
Palate: Firm minerality and acids
Awards: 91, Wine Enthusiast, July 2017; Gold, 2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition