

# BREAD & BUTTER

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Bread & Butter is that thing that you can count on - something dependable and comforting. Our wines are inspired by the bread and butter of California winemaking. Pinot Noir grown in cool climates like our Mission Ranch Vineyard is nothing more than the embodiment of Bread & Butter. Classic, true styles we love.

Bread & Butter is also about the tools we have as winemakers. 'Bread' refers to oak, which imparts flavors and aromas of toast, nut, and vanilla. 'Butter' refers to malolactic fermentation, which adds buttery flavors in our Chardonnay and a round mouthfeel in our Pinot Noir. These winemaking tools have been expertly utilized to enhance our top quality fruit and craft beautiful, pleasing wines, which we hope you can come to count on vintage after vintage.

## 2012 MISSION RANCH PINOT NOIR

### VINEYARD NOTES:

Situated high on the bench land, the Mission Ranch Vineyard is a model source from which to express the uniqueness of the Arroyo Seco AVA Pinot Noir. The vineyard is farmed by 3rd generation growers who are intimately knowledgeable about the land and coupled with their sustainable farming practices, this wine is a testament to their generational commitment to viticulture in Monterey.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2012 growing season was an exceptional year from the very start; benefitting from both the quantity and quality of fruit and sunshine. A cool summer eventually led into fall without any major heat spikes, leading to even ripening and maturity.

### VINIFICATION:

Fermentation: Stainless steel open top ferment, 2x daily manual punch downs.

Maturation: Aged 11 months in neutral French Oak.

### TASTING NOTES:

Appearance: Bright ruby in color, slightly lightening at the rim.

Aroma: A calling card of Mission Ranch Pinot Noir, the wine opens with beautiful floral aromas and a background of earthy dark fruit.

Palate: Elegant, but bold with spice and complex fruit. There is an earthy edge with ripe raspberries, rose water, and dark fruit. The acid complements the fine tannins providing a silky structure that is optimally drinkable now through 2020.

### Notes:

Appellation: Arroyo Seco  
Composition: 100% Pinot Noir  
Alcohol: 14.20%  
Bottling Date: 10/10/20143  
Release Date: December 2014

2012 VINTAGE  
91 PTS - EDITOR'S  
CHOICE  
WINE ENTHUSIAST



  
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