

VARNER

Vintage & Block Summary

Pinot Noir

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2013 Hidden Block
3 acres
northeast-facing slope
730 to 690 ft. elevation
16 year old vines
5C rootstock
sedimentary rock near surface
Dijon 115 clone
all french oak, twenty-five percent new,
features Allier & Nevers forests
531 cases produced

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2013 Picnic Block
2 acres
east-facing slope
645 to 600 ft. elevation
13 year old vines
5C Rootstock
sedimentary rock shallow depth
Dijon 777 clone
all french oak, twenty-five percent new,
features Allier & Nevers forests
233 cases produced

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2013 Upper Picnic Block
2 acres
east-facing slope
660 to 645 ft. elevation
33 year old vines
grafted on to 26 year old roots in 2006
sedimentary rock medium depth
Dijon 777 clone
all french oak, twenty-five percent new,
features Nevers, Allier & Vosges forests
391 cases produced

Ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, northern Santa Cruz Mountains appellation
Dry-farmed, non-fertilized, hand-hoed, no insecticides, native cover crop
Grown on porous, young (1-3 million years old) fractured sedimentary rock

2-3% whole clusters, 5 day cool soak, hand punchdown
Indigenous yeast, pressed at dryness, 2 months in tank followed by 12 months in barrel without racking
Hand-racked using an esquive and hand-cranked barrel tilting device, unfinned & unfiltered

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2013 Three Blocks

A blend of all three blocks,
39% Hidden Block
3% Picnic Block
58% Upper Picnic

Each block component is composed of a proportional blend of all barrels
105 cases produced

In 2011

spring and summer were cool and late, as was the fall, with the exception of two heat spikes near harvest, although the spikes were shorter and less severe than other parts of the state. Harvest was late, but without any significant rain.

In 2012

mild weather persisted throughout the growing season, and the resulting wines express more of the blocks than vintage. They are forward and expressive wines.

The 2013

growing season was dry with no rain, but also a very cool summer and cool fall. The wines have a bright and elegant structure. Physiological ripeness came at a normal pace of development.



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