



MARTINELLI
WINERY & VINEYARDS

Bondi Home Ranch Pinot Noir
"Water Trough Vineyard"
Green Valley of Russian River Valley
2012

Vineyard Character

A little known Eden for Burgundian varietals is the Green Valley appellation, which sits at the southernmost tip of the Russian River Valley. The cool breeze from the sea rises in the late afternoon, skimming along the distant bank of fog, relieving the vines from the afternoon heat, thus enhancing slower ripening. Lee Martinelli Sr. planted this vineyard in four separate blocks, establishing the Dijon clones onto a de-vigorating rootstock. The Clones are 115, 777, 667, and 828. Eastern exposure compliments the vines growth and promotes even ripening with all day sun.

Growing Year

This was a fairly mild year, similar to 2007 and 2009. The harvest looked like it was going to be early because of the early heat and bud break, but this ended up being a long, drawn out season with consistent growing temperatures. The wines have good tannins, structure, and a nice acid balance, due to the long growing season.

Wine Statistics

The grapes are picked between 25 and 26 degrees brix to ensure mature ripe fruit flavors. After picking, the whole berries undergo a long cool fermentation with wild yeast to generate skin contact and expose fruit character. The juice is transferred into oak barrels with a touch of residual sugar remaining to complete the fermentation process in barrel until dry. It rests in 80% new French oak on its gross lees for one year. Being a particular and moody varietal to tamper with, the grapes, juice, and then wine are minimally handled. The finished wine is un-fined, un-filtered, neither cold nor heat stabilized and contains naturally occurring sediment.

Case Production: 627

Tasting Notes

The 2012 Bondi Home Ranch Pinot Noir has a deep, exotic nose of cola, violet and black cherry. The palate is mouth-coating with full flavors of cherry, orange peel and licorice. Drink 2014 – 2024.

Historical Acclaim

2012 Vintage

- 94 points Robert M Parker, Jr. The Wine Advocate
- 92 points Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
- 90 points James Laube, The Wine Spectator

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