



MARTINELLI  
WINERY & VINEYARDS

**Lolita Ranch Pinot Noir**  
**Russian River Valley**  
**2014**

**Vineyard Character**

The Lolita Ranch is located on Martinelli Road in Forestville, California. Giuseppe & Luisa Martinelli had purchased the steep, forested landscape in the late 1800's and then later sold this particular section to a neighbor. Eventually it was passed on to Bob and Lolita Young, who ran a herd of Angus and Hereford cattle on the land for many years. In 1999 Lee Martinelli Jr. and his wife Pamela acquired the property, returning it back to the Martinelli estate and to the family's continuing century-long legacy of viticulture. Lee Jr. planted the steep hillside in 2001 with four different grape varieties; Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah, and Zinfandel.

**Growing Year**

The growing year in 2014 was the third dry year in a row and was full of unforeseen challenges provided by Mother Nature. You would think the ongoing drought, excessive heat from March thru June, and hail in early April would have brought down the quality of this vintage. Thankfully this was not the case! Even though the harvest was very early, the small berry size and healthy yields have produced very well balanced wines; they are not over-bearing in tannin or structure, and are a pleasure to drink.

**Production Notes**

Each vineyard block goes through meticulous sample testing and is picked at optimum brix levels to ensure mature, ripe fruit flavors. After being picked, the fruit undergoes a five-day cold soak to maximize the early extraction of flavor and color. This is followed by a wild yeast fermentation that promotes greater character and depth when the wine matures. Sugar and malolactic fermentations are completed in barrel, and the wine is *sur lie* aged in 65% new French oak for 10 months. The wine is neither heat nor cold stabilized, is un-fined and un-filtered, and is clarified only by racking before bottling.

Case Production: 410

**Tasting Notes**

The 2014 Lolita Ranch Pinot Noir has aromas of deep roasted cherry, lilac, cedar and back notes of raspberries. It is rich and intense on the palate with spicy red fruits and Asian spices, and a finish of bright red raspberry.

**Historical Acclaim**

2014 Vintage

- 94 points Robert M Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate
- 91 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2013 Vintage

- 92 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 91 points Robert M Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate

**Winemaker:** Bryan Kvamme

**Consulting Winemaker:** Erin Green