



# LICHEN

## ESTATE

### PINOT NOIR 2013 ANDERSON VALLEY

#### ESTATE VINEYARD

Seven acres of estate vines overlook Highway 128 from the 203-acre Lichen Estate in Anderson Valley. Prepared in 2007 and planted in 2008 on meter-by-meter spacing, the vineyard comprises 75% Pinot Noir and 25% Pinot Gris vines on 15% to 35% southeast-facing slopes. Farmed 100% organically. Approximately 30,000 vines comprised of six blocks and four clones of Pinot Noir (Martini, Wadenswil, Pommard, & 667) on three rootstocks (101-14, 420A, and 161-49); and two blocks of Pinot Gris (148 & 152) on two rootstocks (161-49 and SO4). The 2013 vintage marked the vineyard's sixth leaf. Average yield: 1.36 pounds per vine.

#### HARVEST DATES

September 8 & 11, 2013

#### CHEMISTRY

Brix at Harvest: 22.4° to 24.6°

Alcohol: 13.7%

pH: 3.75

Total Acidity: 5.4 g/L

#### CELLAR

Fermentation: 14-17 days; 1.1 to 1.7 ton lots; 5 to 6 day cold soaks; gentle pump-overs followed by hand punch-downs; and 2 to 3 day extended maceration. Barrels: François Freres, 3-year dried, extra tight grain wood, medium plus toast. Sixteen months in barrel, racked once before assemblage. Battonage (lees stirring) performed during the first 9 months of élevage.

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Lichen Estate Pinot Noir is, well, a bruiser. The winemaking sought to offer a transparent window into the 2013 vintage – of robust, gainly, muscular Pinots that will reward some patience. Racy tannins will appreciate time to harmonize in the bottle. If you are eager to drink now, decant this one, or open it well before drinking and let the air show it some love. There is a lot of everything to like in this Pinot – cherry fruit, Umami notes, ripe tannin, balanced acidity. It is a shade darker than its 2012 counterpart, more dense and extracted, but with a polish and classic framework that reflects its Anderson Valley roots.

#### BOTTLES CRAFTED

2,220 x 750 ml bottles (185 cases)

#### PRICE

\$65 per bottle

#### RELEASE

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#### DISTRIBUTION

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