

# McINTYRE VINEYARDS

## 2013 Pinot Noir, Block 3 McIntyre Estate Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands

### Overview

Steve McIntyre is one of the most knowledgeable viticulturists in the California. As owner/operator of Monterey Pacific, he farms 11,000 acres in Monterey County and has planted nearly one quarter of the vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. The McIntyre Estate Vineyard lies in the “sweet spot” of this rolling, benchland region. It produces incredibly intense and complex Pinot Noirs and well-structured, concentrated Chardonnays. It was among the first properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands to be SIP (Sustainability In Practice) Certified.

### Vineyard

While it is never easy to compensate for Mother Nature’s peculiarities, this wine is undoubtedly enhanced by the work we did in the vineyard. It is a blend of two different clones - Dijon 777 and Swan – from the superb Block 3 at our Estate vineyard. The vines are vertically shoot positioned (VSP) and the crop was thinned to one cluster per shoot to maximize the concentration of all essential winemaking elements. Row orientation is north/south which provides even sun exposure from morning and afternoon.

### Winemaking

At McIntyre our winemaking style is minimalistic. We endeavor to let the beautiful fruit shine through with limited intervention. The grapes for our 2013 Block 3 Pinot were harvested and hand-sorted in the early morning hours. Primary and malolactic fermentations were carried out with the wild, indigenous yeast that naturally thrive in the vineyard.

### Steve’s Tasting Notes

*“The 2013 Block 3 Pinot Noir is not just a great wine, it is a profound wine, a benchmark for past and future vintages. It is fresh and lively with plum, cherry and currant fruit at its core. The flavors are dense and saturated with ripe fruit, earth and hints of white chocolate. The ample tannins are hidden by richness and a lavish finish. I am excited to see how this wine will develop over the next 10 years!”*

### Vital Statistics

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	Block 3, McIntyre Estate Vineyard
AVA	Santa Lucia Highlands
Clones:	Dijon 777 and Swan
Total Acidity	0.58 grams/100ml
PH	3.61
Alcohol	14.7%
Cases Produced	96

