

McINTYRE VINEYARDS

2014 Pinot Noir, Block 3, McIntyre Estate Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands

Overview

Steve McIntyre is one of the most respected and important viticulturists in California. He has planted or farmed nearly one quarter of the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA and, as owner/operator of Monterey Pacific, he farms more than 12,000 acres throughout Monterey County. Steve's work in cool-climate viticulture has had a significant impact on the style and quality of wines from the Central Coast. His 60-acre McIntyre Estate Vineyard lies in the "sweet spot" of the Santa Lucia Highlands. 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

Our block-designated wines represent the pinnacle of our production. This wine comes from the finest parcel of Pinot Noir on our Estate. It is a blend of two different clones; Dijon 115 and Swan. The vines are vertically shoot positioned (VSP) and the crop was thinned to one cluster per shoot to maximize the concentration. Row orientation is north/south, which provides even sun exposure from morning and afternoon.

Winemaking

At McIntyre our winemaking style is simple and discreet. We endeavor to let the beautiful fruit shine through with limited intervention. All of our grapes are sustainably farmed, hand harvested and hand sorted in the early morning hours. Primary and malolactic fermentations were carried out with wild, indigenous yeast and malolactic bacteria that naturally thrive in the vineyard.

Steve's Tasting Notes

"Our 2014 Block 3 Pinot Noir embodies everything we love about the Santa Lucia Highlands. It's big, but supple and lively. While it possesses effusive, bright fruit aromas, there is also a dark undercurrent of earth, forest and minerals. The palate is powerful, yet elegant. Best of all, this Pinot drinks beautifully now, but will continue to evolve and expand over the next decade."

Vital Statistics

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	McIntyre Estate Vineyard, Block 3
AVA	Santa Lucia Highlands
Total Acidity	0.60 grams/100ml
PH	3.59
Alcohol	14.4%
Cases Produced	96

