

# McINTYRE VINEYARDS

## 2014 Pinot Noir, Old Vine, 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 12,000 acres in Monterey County and has planted or farmed 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 was produced from 42-year-old vines of unknown clonal origin, making it the oldest block of Pinot Noir in the SLH appellation. The vines are vertically shoot positioned (VSP) in a lyre-trained trellis and the crop was thinned to one cluster per shoot to maximize the concentration of all essential elements. Row orientation is north/south, which provides even sun exposure from morning through afternoon.

### Winemaking

At McIntyre our winemaking style is simple and discreet. We endeavor to let the beautiful fruit shine through with limited intervention. The grapes for our 2014 Old Vine 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

*“Our 2014 Old Vine reminds me of the great 1979 Stony Hill Pinot Noir – the wine that ignited my passion for this noble grape. Polished, textured and expressive, as one would expect from 40-year-old vines, this wine offers plenty of ripe blackberry/cherry aromas and flavors that suggest Sorel mushrooms and black pepper. There is plenty of soft, supple tannin and the finish delivers exceptional presence and depth.”*

### Vital Statistics

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	McIntyre Estate Vineyard
AVA	Santa Lucia Highlands
Total Acidity	0.54 grams/100ml
PH	3.67
Alcohol	14.3%
Cases Produced	101

