2013

Lake Effect Vineyard® Pinot Noir

Lake Ontario, New York State

VINTAGE

2013 bud break followed a mild winter and continued to be a remarkably long and sun-soaked growing season in Upstate New York. Short stretches of drought and two week long temperatures over 90 degrees caused our vines to venture deep to find water. It was known as a textbook growing season and represented our inaugural vintage.

SINGLE VINEYARD

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the Lake Effect Vineyard® of Colloca Estate in the town of Sterling and Village of Fair Haven located in the northern most portion of New York State's famed Finger Lakes Region. The vineyard is aptly named for its location along Little Sodus Bay and proximity to the Great Lake Ontario. Here the grapes benefit from the cool breezes of the lake in summer while in winter, lake effect air keeps the vines warm and the lake effect snow provides a thermal blanket to our vines. Our soils are a combination of rich glacial till and clay soils that have been tiled every third row. We planted one acre of Pinot Noir clones 19, 115, and 667 grafted on native American rootstock 3309 on 9x5 spacing and trained the vines to vertical shoot positioning to control yield and vigour.

WINEMAKING

Neighbours, friends and family picked the perfectly ripe Pinot Noir fruit in mid-September of 2013 and it was immediately hauled down to the Finger Lakes where it was de-stemmed, and crushed and fermented. Twenty percent whole clusters were retained for fermentation to increase pH and provide soft subtle tannins. Following fermentation the wine was transferred into new French oak barrels and aged for nearly a year prior to bottling. This crimson wine emerged that was then aged in bottle for a full year prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2013 Pinot Noir has scents of cedar and ripe plums that follows with tastes of black cherries with hints of cinnamon front and mid palate finishing with textured soft and plush tannins that round out the mouth feel.



Vintage	2013
Appelation	Lake Ontario (no AVA), New York State (AVA)
Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol	12.8%
Production	101 cases
WineMakers	Aaron Roisen and Cameron Hosmer
Bottled Date	September 9, 2013
Release Date	September 26, 2014

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