2013 Pinot Noir, Gap’s Crown Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

Gap’s Crown is one of the highly acclaimed North Coast Vineyards known for its layered Pinot Noirs. We have two blocks that compliment each other and add complexity to the wine. Our 828 block is on the northern part of the vineyard at higher elevation, north west facing. This selection brings great acidity and parfume to the blend. Our 777 block is close to the south east corner of the vineyard on gravelly clay loam. The tiny berries are the backbone, giving the wine its structure. The wine is elegant and racy, a true representation of the Sonoma Coast AVA.

Closest Town: Petaluma

AVA: Sonoma Coast

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Planted: Early 2000s

Clone(s): 777 & 828

The Vintage

“The Vintage was more of an average growing season here in northern California. The year went down as one of the driest years on record, but we got some nice winter rains in November and December of 2012. A warm January and February caused early budbreak. The mild temperatures brought us an early flowering in the first week of May. A cool summer slowed the season down. Berries and clusters were small giving us great flavors and intensity.” – Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2013

Harvest Date: September 20, 2013

Harvest Brix: 26.4

Harvest pH: 3.69

Harvest TA: 5.22 g/L

Days in Tank: 15 days

Type of Tank: Small open top stainless steel

Barrel Program: 60% new French oak – Cadus, FF & Remond

Bottling Date: March 2015

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5%

Case Production: 213

SRP: $60

Blue Farm

Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm’s first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs of the highest quality.