

2014 Pinot Noir, 1861 Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

Case Production: 45 SRP: \$90.00

This vineyard is named both for its street address and coincidentally for the year in which Agoston Haraszthy was appointed by California's governor to "promote the improvement and growth of the grapevine" in the state. 1861 vineyard is planted on a plateau in the hills, a thousand feet above the Sonoma plaza. Less than half an acre, the small site divides itself naturally into two blocks, one rockier than the other. The site is planted to the Pommard clone and on 101-14 rootstock with a narrow spacing of 4' x 5'. Marine influence from both the Pacific Ocean and San Pablo Bay frequent the site with foggy mornings, allowing the delicate Pinot Noir to thrive in this rugged hillside setting.

Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

Rootstock: 101-14

AVA: Sonoma Valley

Soil Type: Rocky Loam

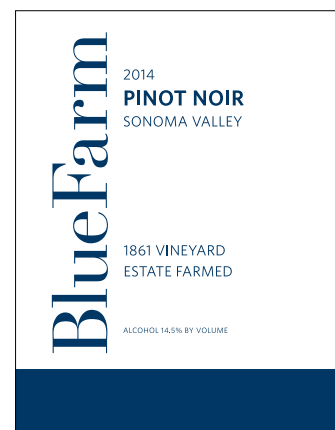
Varietal: Pinot Noir

Aspect: Southern

Planted: 2008

Row Orientation: South/North

Clone(s): Pommard



The Vintage

"The growing season was very even, late winter rains helped to set up healthy shoot growth after a very dry 2013. The mild spring got the season started. 2014 was an early year, but without any heat spikes, it continued evenly during the summer months, giving us beautiful intensity void of the tight tannins of the 2013 vintage. The wines were a little slow to develop in barrel, not really showing how nice they were until later than usual. Tannins are lower than in 2013, as are alcohol levels, but the wines have plenty of power. Don't underestimate the quiet beauty, these wines have power and elegance. The wines are opening up earlier and are drinking delicious."

— Anne Moller-Racke

Vintage: 2014

Type of Tank: Small Open Top Stainless Steel

Harvest Date: September 2nd

Barrel Program: 50% New Remond

Harvest Brix: 25.6

Bottling Date: March 2015

Harvest pH: 3.67

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.5%

Harvest TA: 5.9 g/L

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Days in Tank: 14 Days

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Blue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 30-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, 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.

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