



Fourth Estate Wines
2011 Pinot Noir
La Cruz Vineyard
Sonoma Coast

From this respected vineyard, managed by Keller Estate, comes an elegant yet rich and concentrated Pinot Noir that beautifully represents its hillside site and the distinctive La Cruz terroir.

Vintage characteristics: 2011 in Sonoma County saw rain during harvest, but we picked our fruit before it fell, ensuring maximum flavor and color in the finished wine. We're pleased with the fragrance and flavor profile of this wine, which contains red fruit such as strawberry and rhubarb married with floral notes.

Clones: 50% La Tache (also called Pisoni), 50% Swan

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.6

Fermentation regime: 100% punch-down fermentation in one-ton lots. Seven-day cold soak, 12-day fermentation, extended maceration.

Barrel Regime: Barrel aged for 11 months in 100% French oak, 35% of which was new (Remond and Dargaud & Jaegle.)

Total production: 110 cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

Release date: April 2013

Winemaker notes: The La Tache and Swan clones produce bright fruit and floral notes underpinned by the minerality and structure of the La Cruz terroir. Sweet on the attack, the wine also offers plenty of secondary nuance and complexity.