



Fourth Estate Wines
2012 Pinot Noir
La Cruz Vineyard
Sonoma Coast

From this sustainably farmed vineyard, managed by Keller Estate, comes a rich and concentrated yet impeccably balanced Pinot Noir that beautifully represents its hillside site and the distinctive La Cruz terroir.

Vintage characteristics: 2012 is being hailed as the best vintage in a decade for Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley appellations. Ideal conditions leading up to harvest allowed the grapes to ripen evenly, without moisture or heat spikes.

Clones: 50% La Tache, 50% Swan

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.4

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 2014

Winemaker notes: The La Tache and Swan clones produce rich fruit and floral notes underpinned by the minerality and structure of the La Cruz terroir. The wine has power and finesse and is being praised by retailers and others as the best Pinot Noir Fourth Estate has produced to date.