

SAINT GREGORY



2014 PINOT NOIR MENDOCINO COUNTY

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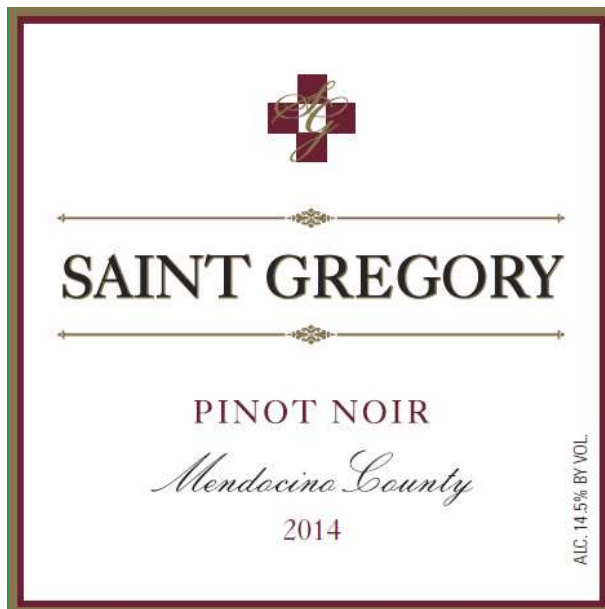
Background: This is the 22st release of our Mendocino Pinot Noir. Mendocino County's cool climate produces a very elegant and rich style of Pinot Noir with balanced acidity, dark color, full tannins and very fruity flavors. Our style is much more French Burgundy than California.

Vineyards: The grapes for this wine come from three truly unique vineyards located within three distinct appellations within Mendocino County. 79% of the blend is from Lost Creek Vineyards owned by Steve Petrucci and is located at the 1,200 foot elevation in the mountainous Yorkville Highlands appellation. 7% is from the Naughty Boy Vineyard located in the high elevation Potter Valley, which is grown next to the headwaters of the Russian River. 14% is Pinotage which is grown by the Gearhart Vineyard which is located in Knights Valley, just south of the Ukiah Valley in Mendocino County.

Winemaking: All of the fruit was hand-harvested between 24 and 25 degrees brix. After crushing, approximately 20 percent of the grapes were added whole-cluster to cold soak for four days before fermentation. Some of the lots were allowed to ferment with their indigenous yeast. The must was punched down twice daily for an average of two weeks to gently extract color, flavor and tannins. After a gentle pressing, the wines were racked into small 25% new French oak barrels where they finished malolactic fermentation with their indigenous malolactic bacteria. The wines were aged on their secondary lees for 30 months then egg white fined and bottled on March 30th 2017

Winemaker Comments: This wine is dark purple garnet in color and Burgundian in style; with rich, full and attractive aromas/flavors of ripe black cherries, plum, toasty oak and hints of earth. Soft tannins, balanced acidity and a rich, velvety mouth-feel produce a luscious wine that is enjoyable now and will develop more complexity with additional aging in the bottle.

Food Pairing: Delicious companions with this wine are duck with dried cherries, sage-roasted double pork chops with stuffing, and roasted lamb with Mediterranean vegetables.



Specifications:

Blend: 86% Pinot Noir, 14% Pinotage

Cases Produced: 1061

Alcohol: 15.0%

Total Acidity: .69

PH: 3.67

Residual Sugar: 0.75%

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