



Signature Collection 2013 Pinot Noir

Winery Information

Pietra Santa is a family-run estate in the beautiful Cienega Valley just 25 miles from California's Monterey Bay. The proximity to the coast provides cooling, maritime breezes and a long growing season resulting in vibrant and flavorful wines. The estate also benefits from granite and limestone soils and is named Pietra Santa or "Sacred Stone" in honor of the unique terroir. The estate's winemaking history dates back to the 1850s when Frenchman Theophile Vache first planted vines in the Valley. In his honor we dedicate the Signature Collection. Today, the winery is owned by Cort Blackburn. It is his goal to create the best possible wines and continue the tradition of quality winemaking in this special place.

Vineyards/Winemaking

The Pietra Santa estate is bisected by one of California's most significant fault lines, the San Andreas. Over the years, the Earth's movements have filled the soils with granite and limestone. This creates low yields and adds interesting characters and flavors to our wines. The *Signature Collection* represents the best of our estate and is created from hand chosen blocks of fruit, made with the finest care and attention and aged in specially selected French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Our *Signature Collection* Pinot Noir is made from fruit grown in the upper valley of our estate. The grapes receive early morning fog and cooling maritime breezes that allow this finicky grape to develop rich fruit flavors and layers of complexity. This wine was made from our Dijon clone #115 using fruit clusters that were hand selected prior to harvest. The resulting wine has a subtle bouquet of lavender and bold flavors of wild strawberries and raspberries laced with a gentle earthiness and an enduring finish of white pepper.

Technical Information

Appellation: Cienega Valley

Blend: 93% Pinot Noir, 7% other red

Barrel Aging: 16 months in French Oak

Alcohol: 14.2%

Total Acidity: 5.9 g/l

pH: 3.73

Cases Produced: 277

SRP: \$35

