

2014 “Saltonstall Vineyard” Pinot Noir

The Vineyard:

Saltonstall Vineyard produces rich and complex Pinot Noir with subtle cherry, spice and vanilla. The 40 acre hillside is located in the Petaluma Gap, 30 miles north of the city of San Francisco. The vineyard location gently slopes from an elevation of 375 feet, to the base of the Saltonstall Lake at 250 feet. Cool coastal air blankets the vineyards in the evenings and early mornings during the summer months, creating a desirable diurnal range of over 40 degrees. This contrast between warm days and cool nights affords great depth of flavor in the resulting wine. While Hill Family Estate does not lease or own this vineyard, it's managed by Doug Hill.

2014 Tasting Notes:

“Aromas of fresh strawberry and black raspberry compote, blended with cocoa and vanilla, gently arise from the glass. The dense, full entry is highlighted with blackberries and blueberries, is overlaid with accents of cocoa nibs, and is sustained by a long finish.”

- Case production: 267
- Clones: 777, 115, 667
- Barrel aging: 18 months (100% new)
- Alcohol: 14%
- Harvest date: October 21st 2014
- Bottling date: January 15th 2016
- Release date: Spring 2016
- Release price: \$62.00