

# CANON 13

## 2014 PINOT NOIR

Santa Lucia Highlands,  
Monterey County

Ringling out, as it has for centuries, the mission bell beckons across the hillsides calling out to the devoted. Here, where lush hillsides meet the Pacific Ocean, we pursue a singular canon – to make great wine. Canon 13 wines are the answer to the mission bell and our vines are protected by the ingress of maritime fog that keeps the temperatures just warm enough to perfectly ripen our fruit.



Varietal: Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 14.5%

Region: Santa Lucia Highlands

Total acidity: 5.4 g/l

Vintage: 2014

pH: 3.61

### TASTING NOTES

The Canon 13 Pinot Noir expresses aromas of ripe fruit and delicate tea leaves. Bright red stone fruits, flowers and sweet spice are woven together, underpinned by bright acidity, wrapped in a beautifully long finish.

### VINTAGE

- The 2014 vintage saw low rainfall totals, continuing the dry conditions of the previous two years. This set the stage for moderate canopy growth and a limited crop size. Mild winter weather initiated early budbreak and flowering.
- The summer stayed cool through the growing season, until harvest at the beginning of September, about 2 weeks before the typical date.
- The vineyard sits in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands, overlooking the Salinas River. Well drained alluvial soils limit vine growth.
- Regular afternoon maritime breezes, coupled with occasional morning fog, keep temperatures low and promote slow ripening and full phenolic development.

### WINEMAKING

- Clusters were de-stemmed and fermented with selected yeasts to help promote fruit expression.
- The fruit is cold-soaked for two days, then fermented in stainless-steel.
- The wine aged for 14 months in traditional Burgundian seasoned oak barrels of which 5% was new French oak. This encouraged texture development while preserving delicate aromas and fruit character.

### ENJOY WITH

- Five-Spice duck confit tacos with plum sauce
- Roasted morel mushrooms
- Grilled quail with avocado and blood orange

## CANON 13 TASTE DEVOTION

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