



Cima Collina

- ANTLE -

SWAN PINOT NOIR

2013

— Organically Farmed —

*** LIMITED PRODUCTION ~ PINNACLE SERIES ***

VINEYARD NOTES — The “Swan” clone of Pinot Noir – an “old” clone in California’s history that was first brought over from France by Joseph Swan and planted in the Russian River Valley. “Swan” (technically it is more of a “selection” than a “clone”: a clone comes from a single plant whereas a selection comes from multiple plants), is distinct in its ability to produce a spicy, aromatic wine with bright fruit flavors but is mostly used in blends. The vines were planted by Dick Graff in the 1980’s in a protected, south-west facing site of decomposed granite and sandy loam soil surrounded by rocky outcroppings, windmills, and vistas of the Salinas Valley below. The site itself harkens back to the days of old California and its fitting that such a classic – and increasingly rare – selection is planted there. This wine gives us the opportunity to celebrate the marvelous complexity that comes with “Old-School” winemaking and winegrowing!

WINE STYLE — The grapes were harvested by hand and delivered to the winery where we destemmed all but 15% of the clusters and fermented the grapes in a stainless steel open top tank. There it fermented for 15 days and then macerated on the grape skins for a few days more. The wine was then drained and skins pressed; both freerun and press wines were blended and settled in a tank before pumping to French oak barrels (two 2010 French oak and one 2013 Remond French oak). It was aged for 14 months prior to racking, blending and bottling. It is unfinned and unfiltered.

WINEMAKER NOTES — A wonderfully aromatic Pinot Noir with bright fruit flavors and a bit of spice. Very food friendly, while elegant with age-worthy structure. Try with roasted duck breast with Chanterelles or grilled pork tenderloin with saffron risotto.

APPELLATION

Chalone

VINEYARD DESIGNATION

Antle Vineyard

VARIETALS

100% “Swan” Pinot Noir

HARVESTED

September 5, 2013

AGING

14 months in French Oak, 33% new

ALCOHOL

14.3%

BOTTLED

January 31, 2015

PRODUCTION

958 bottles

WINEMAKER

Annette Hoff Danzer

RETAIL PRICE

\$56