



# Cima Collina

- TONDRE GRAPEFIELD -

PINOT NOIR

2013

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## APPELLATION

Santa Lucia Highlands

## AVA COMPONENTS

100% Tondre Grapefield

## BLEND

100% Pinot Noir

## AGING

10 Months in French Oak Barrels, 36% New

## ALCOHOL

14.6%

## BOTTLED

September 11, 2014

## CASES PRODUCED

249

## WINEMAKER

Annette Hoff Danzer

## SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$40

**VINEYARD NOTES** - The Tondre Grapefield is planted in the southern reaches of the Santa Lucia Highlands on a river bench with glacial soils that range from sandy loam to decomposed granite. The area receives sunshine during the day but is cooled in the afternoon by ocean breezes that sweep through the Salinas Valley from Monterey Bay. All of these characteristics make this one of the country's premier regions for Pinot Noir. Tondre Alarid, the patriarch of the Alarid family & a lifelong farmer in the Salinas Valley, planted 6-1/2 acres of Pinot Noir in 1997 -- naming it a "Grapefield" to reflect his family's farming heritage -- but the vineyard has since grown to just over 100 acres under the management of Joe, Tondre's son. We have had a long relationship with this vineyard & appreciate the finesse & aromas of the wines it produces.

**WINEMAKING NOTES** - The grapes in this wine were hand harvested on September 11, 2013. We destemmed all but 5% of the clusters and fermented them in a small open top stainless steel tank. We punched down the caps by hand every day and once primary fermentation ended the wine was macerated for a week longer before pressing. Free run and press wines were blended together and settled overnight in a tank prior to moving the wine to barrels where it aged for the next 10 months.

**WINE STYLE**- A very aromatic wine with hints of cherries, spice and freshly picked rose petals. Its silky tannins add a nice notable weight and texture to the wine. Balanced through the finish with food-friendly acidity. Pair with roasted pork loin with cherry sauce or gruyere cheese souffé.

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