



Cima Collina

- CHALONE -

ANTLE PINOT NOIR

2013

VINEYARD NOTES — It is a rare opportunity these days in California to make wine with an “old” Pinot Noir clone. At one time much of California Pinot Noir was produced from “old” clones that had made their way into California via suitcases owned by enthusiastic winemakers. These clones have been replaced over the past 15 years by newer clones that have been very widely planted across the state but with that replanting I fear we’ve lost a little history & diversity. So it is a great privilege (not to mention fun!) to offer this wine – made from a blend of “Swan” and “Chalone” clones – both suitcase clones brought from France by Dick Graff.

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the Antle Vineyard (aka Pinnaclacitos Chalone), which was originally planted by Dick Graff in 1989. This historic vineyard is a pleasure to behold: it sits in a protected southwest-facing dell overlooking the southern Salinas Valley. Gnarly old vines are surrounded by the striking rock outcroppings of the Pinnacles area makes for a tremendous scene that reminds one of days gone by in California.

WINE STYLE — We received these grapes on September 5, 2013 and gently destemmed the bunches on top of 15% whole clusters into open-top stainless steel fermenters & ¾-ton bins. Throughout fermentation we punched the cap down by hand and after an extended maceration the wine was pressed, settled, then racked to French cooperage and aged for 14 months.

WINEMAKER NOTES — This wine is only now starting to open up upon its release and we anticipate further “blossoming” as it bottle ages. It is rich and spicy with a silky texture and offers notes of strawberry, cranberries, chaparral, star anise and leather. Enjoy now or lay this wine down for at least 7 more years.

APPELLATION

Chalone

VINEYARD DESIGNATION

Antle Vineyard

VARIETALS

100% Pinot Noir

HARVESTED

September 5, 2013

AGING

14 Months in French Oak Barrels,
20% New

ALCOHOL

14.3%

BOTTLED

January 31, 2015

PRODUCTION

239 cases

WINEMAKER

Annette Hoff Danzer

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$35

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