



# Cima Collina

- TONDRE GRAPEFIELD -

PINOT NOIR

2014

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**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.

**WINEMAKER NOTES** — The grapes in this wine were hand harvested on September 7, 2014. We destemmed all but 15% 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 12 months.

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

**APPELLATION**

Santa Lucia Highlands

**VINEYARD DESIGNATION**

100% Tondre Grapefield

**VARIETALS**

100% Pinot Noir

**HARVESTED**

September 7, 2014

**AGING**

12 months in French Oak Barrels,  
50% New

**ALCOHOL**

14.7%

**BOTTLED**

February 18, 2016

**PRODUCTION**

137 cases

**WINEMAKER**

Annette Hoff

**SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE**

\$45