

## 2013 "Zero New Oak" Pinot Noir

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Pinot Noir is beautiful on its own, straight from the vineyard, and that's why we started producing our "Zero New Oak" Pinot Noir. By aging in only second-year and –older barrels (no new oak), we can focus on the red berry fruit and bright acidity that makes cold-climate

Pinot so special, while keeping the oak influence in

the background.

We source all our fruit from our Charles Vineyard, farmed by Bill & Nancy Charles and their family in the Anderson Valley appellation.

The 2013 Zero New Oak Pinot Noir is fermented in an open-top tank with 40% whole clusters (60% destemmed) and 100% wild yeast and wild ML cultures. (We have never inoculated at our winery.) This wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered.



The Charles family & friends gather for a night pick at their estate vineyard.

The 2013 vintage was the first year of the California drought. It was also a very good year for winegrapes. The season was warm but even, with a mild frost season (rare in Boonville) and plenty of hang time with no impending weather. Fruit quality was excellent.

Clones: Pommard 05, 777, 115 and 114

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

Barrel Aging: No new, 37.5% second-year, 62.5% third-year or -older barrels — Remond

cooperage

pH/TA: 3.58 / 6.6

Ingredients: Grapes, tartaric acid, sulfur dioxide

**Price:** \$38

Release Date: November 2015

Case Production: 161 (12, 750mL bottles)

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