

WINEMAKER SERIES

2014 4-BARREL, PINOT NOIR

The best blend of four great barrels.

BLEND DETAILS

A barrel each of the following wines:

Giusti Ranch, clone 777, Russian River Valley harvested Aug 22nd, fermented in open top Rousseau wood fermenter, and aged in new French Boutes oak for 16 months.

Gap's Crown Vineyard, clone 667, Sonoma Coast harvested Sept 25th, fermented in wood open top and aged in one year new French Boutes oak for 16 months.

Keefer Ranch, clone 777, Russian River Valley harvested Sept 21st, fermented in concrete tanks and aged in new French Boutes oak for 16 months.

Koplen Vineyard, clone 667, Russian River harvested Sept 21st, fermented 100% whole cluster in 1 ton bin and aged in once used Boutes for 16 months.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Oak	75% new French oak
Alcohol	14.6%
pH	3.48
TA	6.05 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Raspberry, dark cherry and vanilla cola aromatics lead the nose and are harmonized with a refined spiciness coming from the whole cluster inclusion.

Mouth: Powerful yet balanced, with opulent plum and juicy black raspberry fruit converging to complete a seamless flavor experience. Structured tannins are on the forefront leading to a sustained and lengthy finish.

FACTS OF NOTE

FARMING

50% Estate Vineyards

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25% whole cluster

PHILOSOPHY

The gloves are off

Unshackled from geographic constraints, this is a wine that comes straight from the heart of our winemaking team. A blend of four special barrels, each from one of four vineyards that seemed to shine the most in 2014. 4-Barrel is a singular wine, the components of which change each year but whose promise and reason for being remain the same – a winemaker's pledge to unearth a remarkable story from each vintage. Simply the best blend we can craft from four special barrels representing four special vineyards.

The task for this wine is great: selecting just 4 barrels from the myriad number of individual lots that we nurture each and every vintage is hard. Finding the right quartet that sings together in just the right harmony is even harder. We make this wine with no vineyard or appellation restrictions. The gloves are off and the goal is to make something truly special and unique.

