



DONELAN FAMILY WINES

2014 Sonoma County Two Brothers Pinot Noir

When we set out to produce Pinot Noir at Donelan Family Wines, our desire was to produce a wine that embraces our favorite aspects of great Pinot Noir from Sonoma County. The journey has taken us to the 2014 vintage where we believe terroir and technique have met at a beautiful crossroad. Our goal was to uncover wonderful vineyards that produced great purity of fruit with touches of intriguing spice. Building on the 2013 vintage, the 2014 is now made with fruit from predominately two vineyards: Steiner Ranch, which is perched high on Sonoma Mountain, and the coastal vineyard, Devoto. In addition to these vineyards, we find a dash of spice from additional small parcels within Bennett Valley which put the finishing touches on a truly exciting wine.

Steiner Ranch provides both elegance and structure to the wine. The Pommard clone from the ranch produces a beautiful bouquet of dusty red currant, red apple skin, cardamom, and oranges while the adjacent block of clone 115 provides the backbone and tannin profile. The mid-palate is supported by the addition of Devoto Vineyard fruit with its full, fleshy mouth-feel and its beautiful fruit composition; spiced raspberry punches through on the palate with black cherries and herbs. There is a great acidity in this Two Brothers framed by a medium-firm chalkiness, reminiscent of Premier Cru from the Côte de Beaune.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

30%

Barrel Aging

16 months

Bottling Date

January 28th, 2016

Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol

14.2%

Production

1661 cases

~30% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

