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Bennett Valley Cellars

2013 PINOT NOIR
BENNETT VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

VINTAGE
2013

VARIETAL
PINOT NOIR

VINEYAR
93% SIMPATICO RANCH 7% MARINA'S VINEYARD

ALCOHOL
14.3%

pH
3.6

TA
6.43 g/L

CASES
215

BARREL AGING
19 months in 60% new French Oak
20% one-year old French Oak
20% in two and three year-old French Oak

CLONE
Dijon Clones 828
and 115, Pommard,
and Wädenswil 2A

SOIL TYPE
VOLCANIC
ALLUVIAL

BOTTLING DATE
AUGUST 14,
2015

ABOUT

Bennett Valley Cellars began its journey 60 years ago in the Veneto region in Italy. Young Emilio Zanin eagerly worked in his grandfather's vineyard before and after school where he learned to love the hard work necessary to make fine wine. After immigrating to the United States in 1969, Emilio and his family have accomplished their life-long ambition of having their own vineyards. Nestled in the pristine Bennett Valley appellation within Sonoma Valley, Bennett Valley Cellars farms 40 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on two ranches: Simpatico Ranch and Marina's Vineyard. The well-drained volcanic alluvial soils and fog-cooled climate create ideal growing environment for producing wines with flavors and aromatic characteristics unique to this beautiful valley.

WINEMAKER

Winemaker Toni Stockhausen's career was predestined. Born in Australia's renowned Hunter Valley to the famed winemaker Karl Stockhausen, Toni grew up in vineyards and lived on the winery property, learning her father's art of wine making. At Charles Stuart University in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Toni studied Viticulture and Enology. After graduation, Toni went on to serve as Winemaker at high-profile wineries: Tisdall Winery, Mildara Blass, and Windsor Vineyards before coming to Bennett Valley Cellars. Toni's classical style of wine making is influenced by exposure to Old World Wines as well as making wine in Australia and California. Today, Toni works closely with owners Emilio and Luca Zanin crafting small lots of Estate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay as well as the Sonoma vineyards sourced BIN Series wines.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep garnet in color and has brilliant clarity. The fruit aromas, decidedly dark, are of black cherry and blackberry and are tinged with hints of dried strawberry, clove, allspice, and vanilla. On the palate, the same dark fruits mingle with a hint of fresh rosemary and minerals. Bright acidity lifts the flavors and allows them to linger while the soft tannins balance the texture of this wine. Versatility with food is a hallmark of all of our wines. Enjoy the 2013 Estate Pinot Noir with a variety of poultry, beef, pork and game as well as vegetables, cheeses, olives and savory dishes.