



VINTAGE 2012		VARIETAL PINOT NOIR	
VINEYARD VARIOUS SONOMA COUNTY GROWERS			
ALCOHOL 14.2%	pH 3.76	TA 5.68 g/L	CASES 1054
BARREL AGING 15 MONTHS OAK AGING			
CLONE 115, 2A, 828		SOIL TYPE MIXED	BOTTLING DATE MARCH 20, 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 an 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 vintage exudes bright red fruits on the nose ranging from raspberry, cherry and cranberry. Behind this fresh fruit are layers of baking spices, black tea and a hint of ginger. The mid palate is quite long and seamlessly leads to a clean finish of silky tannins. Paired with foods such as game hen, salmon, sausage, and wild mushrooms, this wine is a versatile food companion.