

# LARUE

## W I N E S

### 2014 LaRue Emmaline Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Emmaline Ann Vineyard is a three acre vineyard near the town of Freestone planted on pure Goldridge sandy loam soils with Dijon clonal selections. Just over 15 years ago, Wayne and Nancy Hunnicut planted this vineyard, which is named after Nancy's grandmother. Facing southwest, towards the Pacific Ocean, the vineyard climate is moderated by morning and afternoon fog. The vineyard's proximity to the ocean, as well as higher elevation at approximately 800 feet, both contribute to the elegant and balanced characteristics that are definitive of the Emmaline Ann Vineyard.

- Production: 70 cases
- Aged for 20 months in French oak (33% new)
- Alcohol: 12.5%

### Tasting Notes

Opening with bright and fresh aromas of spiced cranberry, strawberry preserves, and citrus oil, this wine also offers rich aromas of tobacco leaf and toasted caramel along with hints of lavender, white tea, and spun honey. The vibrant acidity and focused tannin are highlighted by flavors of tart cherry, tangerine, and roasted mixed berries.



### Reviews

**Vinous by Antonio Galloni**

**February 2016**

*"Over the years, Wilson's Pinots seem to have become more precise, nuanced, and articulated, all qualities that come through loud and clear with these current releases. As always, Wilson's light touch translates into wines of grace and restraint."*

**Pinotfile by William "Rusty" Gaffney, M.D. Volume 9: Issue 41 May 15, 2014**

*"Her wines have a certain transcendent aura that reminds you why you fell in love with Pinot Noir in the first place."*

**San Francisco Chronicle by Jon Bonné**

**February 3, 2013**

**Winemakers to Watch 2013: Katy Wilson** *"Even in a lineup of top California Pinots, Wilson's wines tend to stand out for their balance of juiciness and tension. They are friendly, but highly structured, wines."*

# Our Story

Veona LaRue Newell was a strong, witty woman, and was an inspiration to many. Specifically, as winemaker Katy Wilson's great-grandmother, she was the inspiration for LaRue Wines. Veona didn't always love the name LaRue, its uniqueness often bothered her, but her uniqueness was what made her so special. Since 2009, LaRue Wines has focused on making high quality Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, exclusively from vineyards on the Sonoma Coast. The wines are elegant, restrained, and forever inspired by the resilience and strength of one Veona LaRue.



Not a lot of people know what they are going to do at 18 years old, but owner and winemaker Katy Wilson did. In her first class at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Agricultural Business 101, she learned she could become a winemaker, a job that is both creative and scientific. It was a perfect fit and Katy has never looked back.

Her journey to become a winemaker has taken her both near and far. From growing up on a walnut farm, to when she learned how to drive a tractor before a car, to her time at Cal Poly, to her first harvest making Pinot Noir in California, to her travels back and forth from the Northern & Southern Hemisphere for harvests, she finally settled in for some time on the Sonoma Coast. During this time that Katy fell in love with the area and truly developed a passion for making Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. It is with this passion that she has made LaRue Wines. Maxing out production at about 500 cases, Katy is determined to do everything on her own, from hauling grapes, to punchdowns, to racking. It is her passion for making excellent wine that drives her intense involvement in every aspect of LaRue Wines.

