

2014 LaRue Coastlands Vineyard Pinot Noir

First planted in 1989 by the Cobb family, the Coastlands Vineyard has some of the oldest Pinot Noir vines on the Sonoma Coast. After years of working exclusively as growers, the Cobb family started Cobb Wines in 2001, leaving very little fruit to sell to a few select wineries. LaRue is honored to be one of those wineries and to work with this amazing vineyard. Sitting at 900-1,200 feet elevation and overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Coastlands is the most extreme vineyard in the LaRue line up. This wine is a blend of three clones: Pommard, Martini, and Wadenswil. The 2014 LaRue Coastlands Vineyard was aged for 30 months in barrel, which is quite unique. The additional time in barrel allowed the wine to develop more layers of flavor and complexity.

- Production: 50 cases
- Aged for 30 months in French oak (50% new)
- Alcohol: 13.5%

Tasting Notes

Aromas of dark raspberry, black cherry, and plum preserves intermingle with rustic notes of tobacco, leather, and sweet cinnamon. The fruit is bright on the palate, bursting with notes of rainier cherry and just ripe plum with a hint of cranberry. The wine has a mouth-filling texture and structure with subtle oak notes and silky tannins that linger on the finish. Expected Aging: 8-10 years.

Reviews

Vinous by Antonio Galloni

"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 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."

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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.



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