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2016 LaRue Rice-Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2016 LaRue Rice-Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir is from a six acre vineyard south of the town of Sebastopol. The soils on this vineyard are Goldridge sandy loam along with volcanic ash. The Goldridge is very common for the area, while the volcanic ash is quite unusual. This distinctive soil profile along with the clonal selections of Dijon and Swan create a wine that is balanced with vibrant acidity, fresh aromas, and unmistakable minerality.

- Production: 150 cases
- Aged for 20 months in French oak (33% new)
- Alcohol: 13.4%

Tasting Notes

Notes of black cherry, ripe strawberry, and spiced plum are balanced with aromas of white pepper, clove, and savory oak spices. On the palate, flavors of fresh raspberry and juicy cranberry are heightened by the vibrant acidity in this wine. The texture is smooth and mouth filling and subtle oak notes that linger in the palate.



Reviews

Vinous by Antonio Galloni

April 2018

"The 2015 Pinot Noir Rice-Spivak is the most elegant and nuanced of the three 2015 Pinots I tasted. Finely sculpted in the glass, with terrific energy, the 2015 marries the natural richness of the year with the crispness and delineation that is such a signature of Katy Wilson's best wines. Sweet red and purplish fruit, floral and mineral notes add nuance throughout. Above all else, though, the 2015 is all class." 94+ points

Pinotfile by William "Rusty" Gaffney, M.D.

June 2018

LaRue Rice-Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015: "Refined and gracious on the palate, with an amazingly generous core of black cherry fruit that seems to persist on the finish for minutes." Score: 94

International Wine Report

June 2018

LaRue Rice-Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015: "The Rice-Spivak Vineyard Pinot Noir is a drop dead stunning wine from winemaker Katy Wilson. This is absolutely outstanding today and will develop more even complexity as it ages over the next 12-14 years." Score: 94

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.

