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2016 LaRue Thorn Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir

Along with their legendary Klopp Ranch Vineyard, Ted Klopp and his daughter, Lauren, farm Thorn Ridge Vineyard. It is a steep eastern-facing sloped vineyard planted on Goldridge Sandy Loam soils. This wine is a blend of two blocks from the vineyard that were planted in 1996 to Pommard and 115 clones. Thorn Ridge is located just west of the town of Sebastopol where a heavy marine influence gives notes of dark fruit integrated with spicy undertones to the wine.

- Production: 125 cases
- Aged for 20 months in French oak (40% new)
- Alcohol: 13.2%

Tasting Notes

Aromas of bright cherry and just ripe plum are elevated by subtle notes of orange peel, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Rounding out the aromatic profile are spices of thyme, sage, and white pepper. Dark fruit flavors of blackberry and plum are seamlessly followed by subtle oak notes. The structure of this wine is mouth-filling, yet the tannins have a smooth and lingering finish on the palate.



Reviews

International Wine Report

Top 100 Wines 2017

#54 2014 LaRue Thorn Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir : *"The Thorn Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir from LaRue is a complete standout and one of the most impressive wines from the vintage. The refined and elegant texture and shows great overall balance and focus through the long, pretty finish. Overall this is a simply dazzling wine."*

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."

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.

