

LARUE

W I N E S

2014 LaRue Charles Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay

Since 1912, the Heintz family has owned and operated this beautiful site just east of the town of Occidental. Located at about 900 feet elevation on Gold Ridge Sandy Loam and with the cool ocean influence, the Heintz Vineyard's fruit is a quintessential expression of the Sonoma Coast. The Heintz Chardonnay was planted in 1982 to Clone 4, commonly known as the Wente Clone, and is a highly sought after vineyard for premium wine producers. The coastal influence balanced by the clonal selection gives the wine a great acid backbone with a rich palate and a touch of minerality.

- Production: 50 cases
- Aged for 17 months in French oak
- Alcohol: 13.1%

Tasting Notes

Aromas of bright citrus, honeysuckle, and lemon curd burst from the glass with hints of flinty minerality, apricot skin and glazed pear. On the palate, this wine is fresh and lively with a hint of oak from the once used barrels. The acidity uplifts the palate and makes for a mouthwatering and elegant wine.



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

LaRue. To some a beautiful name, to one woman a pesky given name that she never cared for. Veona LaRue Newell was a very special woman. She was a woman who lived through the Depression with four small children. She was the great-grandmother of owner and winemaker Katy Wilson. She never let a thing get her down and stayed witty even at 97 years old. She was and continues to be an inspiration.

Veona LaRue was a firm believer that if you put your nose to the grindstone, then you will be able to accomplish almost anything. With her as a role model, Katy worked her way from being a small town farm girl to earning her Bachelor's Degree in both Wine & Viticulture and Agricultural Business from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. She then went on to work at wineries such as Joseph Phelps, Torbreck, Craggy Range, Flowers and Kamen. During her time at Flowers, she fell in love with the Sonoma Coast and truly developed a passion for making pinot noir. It is with this passion that she has made LaRue Wines.

