



## 2011 LaRue Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The 2011 LaRue Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a blend from the Rice-Spivak and Emmaline Ann Vineyards. The Rice-Spivak Vineyard is a seven 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 good acidity, fresh aromas, and unmistakable minerality. The Emmaline Ann Vineyard is a three acre vineyard near the town of Freestone. This vineyard has pure Goldridge sandy loam soils and Dijon clonal selections. The proximity to the ocean along with the higher elevation of this vineyard contributes to the elegant and balanced characteristics that are definitive of the Emmaline Ann Vineyard.

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Aromas of plum, cherry, and strawberry evolve into hints of rose petal, dried apricot, jasmine, and crushed quartz. These captivating scents intermingle with aromas of leather, smoked meats, and cardamom. There is an ethereal entrance to this wine that gives way to a structured mid-palate with a seamless balance of fruit and acid. Flavors of sweet cherry, bright strawberry, and creamy oak lead to an effortless and lingering finish.

- Production: 139 cases
- Aged for 17 months in French oak (33% new)
- Alcohol: 13.0%



## Reviews

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 now 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.

