

2014 CHAPTER 24 FIRE + FLOOD THE FIRE

Review Summary



93 pts “Vivid red. High-pitched red fruit, floral pastille and Asian spice aromas show excellent clarity and pick up a deeper cola nuance with aeration. Stains the palate with sappy black raspberry and cherry flavors that are sharpened by a blood orange flourish and lifted by a spine of minerality. Plays power off finesse with a deft hand and closes with impressive energy, focus and mineral-driven persistence.”

Josh Reynolds, Vinous
December 2016

92 pts “The 2014 Fire+Flood The Fire Pinot Noir, from volcanic soils cropped at two to three tons per acre and matured in 40% new French oak for 12 months has more red fruit than the 2014 Flood - redcurrant, Morello and crushed strawberry coming through with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, supple tannin. There is a little more acidity here that imparts more tension, while it has the same salinity as the Flood on the finish. This is an excellent and quite sophisticated Pinot Noir...”

Neal Martin, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
June 2016

91 pts “Taut and crisp, with juicy, pear-accented blackberry and cherry flavors on a sleek frame. Finishes expressively, wrapped with powdery tannins.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
February 2017

91 pts “Chapter 24’s blend from volcanic soils, this vintage of The Fire is generous and warm, with a scent of brown spices and cherry compote. The flavors are a bit more oak-driven compared to the 2013, given to cinnamon and cocoa flavors, which lend weight but also weigh the wine down a bit.”

Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2016