



2013 STICKYBEAK PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER	Wayne Donaldson
REGION:	Anderson Valley
VARIETALS:	Pinot Noir (Clone 777)
MATURATION:	10 months in French oak (25% new)
ALCOHOL:	14.1% alc/vol

VINEYARD:

The fruit comes from a vineyard owned by Jack and Peggy Ridley in Anderson Valley east of Boonville. The Pinot Noir clone is 777 planted on 3309 rootstock, with 8' x 5' vine spacing. Every vine is pruned to two buds per spur and is trellised on a narrow T. The soils are a combination of river rock and a sandy loam with excellent drainage.

WINEMAKING:

Pinot Noir needs attention, craves attention – and so attention is given! Careful monitoring of the ferments to ensure they don't overheat, manual punch downs of the open vats and judicious use of oak. Very lightly fined and no filtration prior to bottling. The result is perfumed cherry and spice characters.

TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of high toned cherry and raspberry with a cedary, creamy note beneath. A long, full palate with a sustained attack. Cherry and rose petal notes run the length of the mouth with orange rind hints on the finish. Overall, fleshy and balanced with clean acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2012 vintage - **89 pts** Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **88 pts**/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast

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