

TASTING NOTES



LA CREMA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR, 2014

BACKGROUND

WHEN LA CREMA WAS FOUNDED IN 1979, THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY HAD YET TO ESTABLISH ITSELF AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S MOST IMPORTANT REGIONS FOR PINOT NOIR AND CHARDONNAY.

LA CREMA'S VINEYARDS ARE ALL HARVESTED BY HAND. THE WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES ARE PRIMARILY TRADITIONAL TO ENSURE THAT THE WINES ARE TRUE TO BOTH THE VARIETY AND THE TERROIR. THE CHARDONNAYS ARE WHOLE-CLUSTER PRESSED AND FERMENTED AND AGED IN FRENCH OAK ON THE LEES WITH BI-MONTHLY BATTONAGE TO ADD TEXTURE AND COMPLEXITY. THE PINOT NOIRS ARE COLD SOAKED FOR FIVE TO EIGHT DAYS BEFORE FERMENTATION IN SMALL, OPEN-TOP FERMENTERS AND AGING IN A COMBINATION OF NEW AND USED FRENCH OAK BARRELS. AS WITH THE CHARDONNAY, LA CREMA'S PINOT NOIRS ARE PURE, ACCURATE AND REFLECTIVE OF THEIR ORIGIN.

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WILD STRAWBERRY, RED PLUM, ROSE PETALS AND BAKING SPICE AROMAS. BING CHERRY, COLA, CRANBERRY AND BLACK TEA FLAVOURS. LINGERING HINTS OF MOCHA ARE CRADLED BY SUPPLE TANNINS AND BALANCED ACIDITY.

REVIEWS

93 POINTS. CAROLYN HAMMOND (THE TORONTO STAR):

"THIS TRADE FAVOURITE WINE IS DEEPLY FRUITED WITH A DRAMATIC SPECTRUM OF SMOOTH, RIPE FLAVOURS THAT FLIT FROM CHERRY AND RASPBERRY TO DARK PLUM AND COFFEE EDGED WITH WARM VANILLA AND A HINT OF BAKING SPICE. IT'S WORTH EVERY PENNY, COMES IN THE HALF AND FULL BOTTLE SIZES AND WILL DEFINITELY WOW 'EM. P.S. THE WINEMAKER OF THIS FINE WINE WAS BORN IN NIAGARA FALLS - HOW'S THAT FOR LOCAL FLAVOUR?"

91 POINTS AND "EDITORS' CHOICE" FROM VIRGINIE BOONE (WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE):

"THIS IS AN IMPRESSIVE WINE AT THE PRICE AND PRODUCTION LEVEL, A GREAT GO-TO FOR MULTIPLE OCCASIONS. IT DELIVERS EARTHY, CANDIED STRAWBERRY AROUND A LIGHT, BRIGHT CORE, REMAINING SOFT AND SMOOTH IN TEXTURE AND INTENSITY, FINISHING WITH A TEASE OF MILK CHOCOLATE."



VINTAGE: 2014

WINERY: LA CREMA ([HTTP://WWW.LACREMA.COM/](http://www.lacrema.com/))

REGION: SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

CASE QUANTITY: 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: PINOT NOIR (100%)