



FLANAGAN

2014 PINOT NOIR, *Sonoma Stage Vineyard*



HARVEST DATE September 13, 2014

PH 3.64

TA 5.8

BARREL REGIMEN 57% new French oak, Francois Freres and Boutes

CASES PRODUCED 235

RELEASE DATE September 30, 2016

VINEYARD

Our 2014 Flanagan Pinot Noir Sonoma Stage is our first wine from this highly respected vineyard. The vineyard is owned by Dick Hyde, whose family also owns the renowned Hyde Vineyard in Napa. In 2014 the growing conditions were perfect with no damaging weather events. The Sonoma Stage Vineyard is one of the coolest vineyards in Sonoma County. Positioned on the south side of Highway 116, between Sonoma and Napa, the vineyard is subject to cool winds both from San Pablo Bay to the south and the Petaluma Gap to the west. In a typical vintage the vineyard sets very little fruit, but in 2014 the vineyard was quite productive. The weather in 2014 was perfect and fruit condition was excellent.

PRODUCTION NOTES

We fermented in open top tanks for 11 days with 10 whole clusters. The wine was aged in Francois Freres, Boutes, and Rousseau barrels for 12 months prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

The wine reflects the cool site. The nose has notes of black cherry, cinnamon and spice. On the palate the wine displays a darker character of black plum skin, soy, and loam. The wine has great acidity and a lovely mouth feel. To me this wine expresses a French esthetic with great balance between the fruit notes and the earth notes. While the wine is accessible now it will drink well for 10+ years.