

Long Valley

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PINOT NOIR **MONTEREY ★ CALIFORNIA** **VINTAGE OF 2012**

ABOUT

Located in the Central Coast region of California, the Salinas Valley is also known as the *Long Valley*, a name coined by writer John Steinbeck due to its 100-mile length. Cradled between the Gabilan and Santa Lucia mountain ranges, this bountiful stretch was carved out by the Salinas River millions of years ago and holds some of the world's richest farm and vineyard land. We're proud to be farmers of our estate vineyards for over 40 years in the Long Valley, a place that is truly a gift from Mother Nature.

GROWING

Pinot Noir is notoriously difficult in the vineyard but the Monterey region offers an ideal climate to grow this temperamental grape. The cool ocean air that comes sweeping down the valley each day lengthens the growing season and allows the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. This extra time on the vine yields depth and complexity to our estate grown Long Valley Ranch Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING

It is important to harvest Pinot Noir at optimum ripeness and transport the grapes promptly to the winery. Upon arrival, the grapes are destemmed, crushed and fermented, then carefully aged in a combination of new and neutral French oak.

TASTING

Aromas of cherries and ripe plums integrate with delicate notes of fresh herbs supported by light vanilla and oak notes. This wine is well-balanced with a soft, round mouthfeel and a long, silky finish.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.5%

Harvest Brix: 23.2°

Cases Produced: 1,200

Bottling Date: April 7, 2014

