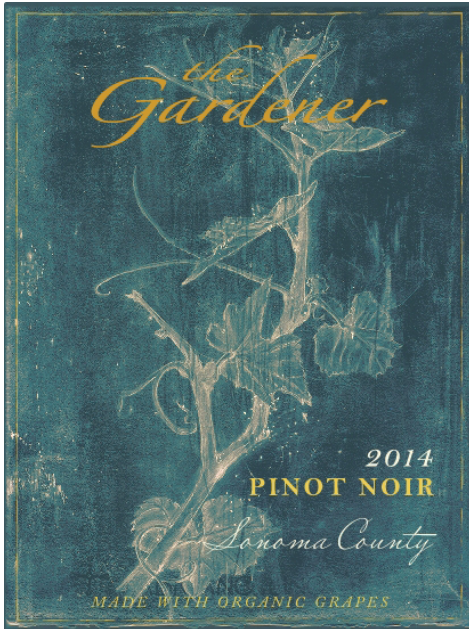




The Gardener 2015 Pinot Noir, Sonoma County



ANALYSIS

Varietal Composition: *100% Pinot Noir*

Vineyard: *Canihan and Sinskey*

Appellation: *Sonoma County*

Growers: *Robert Sinskey & Bill Canihan*

Farming: *Certified Organic by CCOF*

Clone: *667 & 115*

Harvest Date: *8/21/15*

Harvest Brix: *22.4-23.8 Brix*

Winemakers: *Suzanne Hagins & Chris Condos*

Barrels: *100% French Oak Barrels (20% New)*

Alcohol: *13.2%*

TA: *5.69g/L*

pH: *3.67*

Production: *350 Cases*

This Pinot Noir was made in the traditional way. The grapes were sorted, 70% of the grapes were destemmed, and 30% remained Whole Cluster. The grapes were hand-picked early in the morning, and received a 5 day cold soak before native yeast fermentation began. All tanks are punched down by hand throughout fermentation and then gently drained & pressed. It was aged in French oak barrels for ten months, not fined or filtered.

the GARDENER wines are part of HORSE & PLOW, and are elegant expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from coastal, Sonoma County vineyards. We use the finest grapes and traditional techniques to coax a sense of place, while striving for balance and finesse. Native yeasts & malolactic fermentations, extended lees contact, exceptional cooperage and minimal handling are some of the methods used to craft these very limited and memorable wines.

Chris Condos and Suzanne Hagins started Horse & Plow in 2008 making only 600 cases of wine. Chris is also co-owner of Vinum Cellars, which he started in 1997, as well as the winemaker for Kathryn Kennedy Winery. Suzanne's first harvest was in 1998 at Comte Armand in Pommard, with California experience at David Bruce and Goldeneye. Together, they combine their knowledge and passion to produce world class wines from organically grown grapes.

