



2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Beauregard Ranch



The Vineyard

Beauregard Ranch Vineyard, located in Bonny Doon, is owned and farmed by Jim Beauregard. Was first planted in 1875, then replanted in 2005. The 13 acre vineyard sits at an elevation of 1,700 to 1,850 feet on a southwest facing slope. Monterey Bay marine influences combine silty loam and sandy soil to produce wines with minerality and striking acidity. Plantings: 4 acres Pinot Noir. One acre of Chardonnay. Three acres Zinfandel.

American Viticultural Area

Ben Lomond Mountain

Varietal Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vine Age: 2005

Harvest: September 26th, 2014 @ 25 Brix

Aging: 40% New French Oak

ALC 15.1%

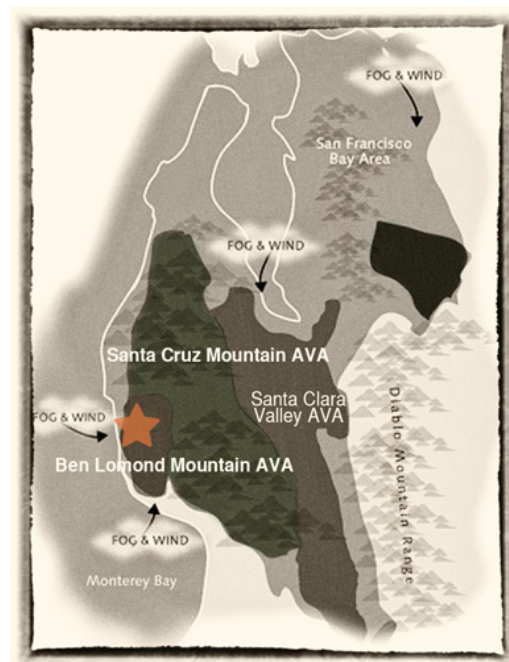
Fermentation: Native Yeast

Production: 268 cases

Tasting notes by consulting Master Sommelier Ian Cauble

The 2014 Beauregard Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon has a highly concentrated dark garnet red center moving to a garnet / slight purplish rim. The aromas are ripe yet have an old world flare akin to a modern classified red wine from Bordeaux. The nose displays notes of ripe black currants, black plum, cassis, leather, red tobacco, cedar, wet rocks, toasted oak and delicate oak spices. The palate is full bodied and multi-layered with a beautiful harmony between ripe fruit, oak, and earth flavors which reflect the nose. This wine is still in its youth and based on my experience drinking older Beauregard Cabernets, please try to wait as long as you can to enjoy this wine. I highly advise waiting until the wine has 7-8 years of bottle age to really discover the true beauty these wines have the ability to show. The fruit will eventually integrate, the savory notes will emerge, and the wine will slowly change and show a personality similar to top Bordeaux with a touch more flesh and texture on the palate. Only time will allow this, so be patient.

The Ben Lomond Mountain AVA



The Ben Lomond Mountain AVA (American Viticultural Area) is located in Santa Cruz County, CA on the Western edge of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Vineyards were first planted on the mountain in the 1860's, but the area did not become famous for Pinot Noir until the 1970's. The four by sixteen-mile AVA reaches altitudes as high as 2,600 feet above sea level, placing it above much of the fog that rolls in from the Pacific Ocean, ensuring long hours of sunlight.

The elevation and ocean proximity ensure a cool climate, where grapes can ripen over an extended growing season. Wines are highly structured, have good minerality and are extremely age worthy.