



2014 Pinot Noir Beauregard Ranch Vineyard



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% Pinot Noir

Vine Age: 2005

Harvest: September 2nd, 2014

Aging: French Oak

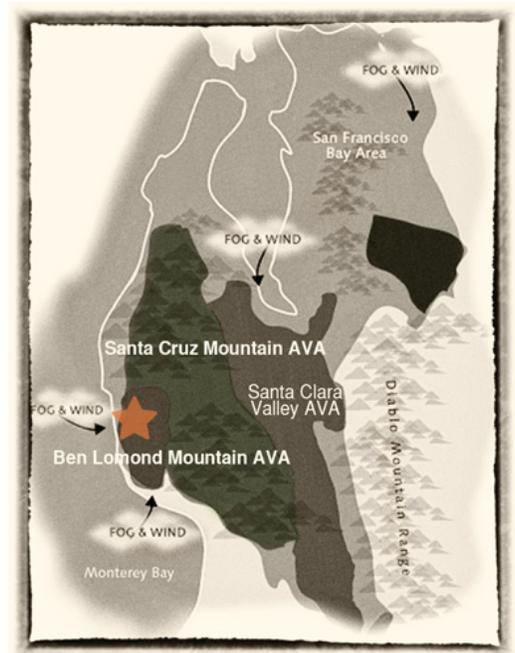
ALC 12.9

Native Yeast Fermentation

Tastings Notes by consulting Master Sommelier Ian Cauble:

The 2014 Beauregard Ranch Pinot Noir has a brilliant ruby red core moving to garnet hues on the rim. The nose is beautifully balanced with aromas of dried strawberry, preserved black cherry, rose petal candy, dried goji berries, wet leaves and forest floor with a hint of exotic oak spice aromas. The palate is medium plus in body with more angular flavors of slightly unripe strawberry, tart red cherry, pomegranate seeds and sweet tarts with a hint of wet herbs and oak spice. Aromatically, this wine reminds me more of great wines from Oregon or a riper style of Red Burgundy than your "typical" style from California. This wine is prime for early drinking, but will really be a great spot in another year or two (2018-2019) if you can be patient. If drinking this wine soon, simply decant for 45 minutes and serve slightly above cellar alongside some delicious food, Roast Chicken or Duck would be a great idea. (Drink 2018-2025 - 60 to 65F - Burgundy Stems)

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.