



2014 Pinot Noir
Thorn Ridge Vineyard
Sonoma Coast

This is our first Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir for Smith Story and we made a whopping 4 barrels. Our 2014 Thorn Ridge Pinot exhibits a true purity of place, with generous fruit and elegant texture.

Thorn Ridge Vineyard is farmed by The Klopp Family and it is a true honor for us to make wine from their legendary vineyard. The Vineyard is comprised of 2 sections with a ridge-top of apple trees separating the west and east slopes. Our grapes are farmed from the east slope of the vineyard where the microclimate is gentle and cool.

The wine aromatics are alluring and exotic. Dried rose petals, black cherry and a hint of plum co-mingle with a gorgeous floral note. Mouth filling vibrant fruit flavor with a classy structure expands on the palate. This is one to sip slowly.

Winemaker Notes: Fruit was hand harvested and 100% de-stemmed. It received a 4-day cold soak, followed by a 14-day fermentation in small open top tanks. We did a combination of pump-overs and punchdowns through the fermentation. 2014 was overall a superb vintage and growing season, making the Thorn Ridge a long-range cellaring a great option for the next 7- 10 years.

Vineyard location: Sebastopol Hills
(sub-section of the proposed West Sonoma Coast Appellation)
Soils: Goldridge Sandy Loam
Clones: Pommard & 777
Harvest Dates: 8.27.14 and 9.1.14 at an average brix of 23.5
Aging: 16 months in French Oak (25% new)
Details: TA 6.5 g/L, pH 3.40 and 13.5% alcohol
Production: 100 cases
SRP: \$75