



2013 GLORIA ESTATE PINOT NOIR

WINE NOTES

VINEYARD

100% Gloria Estate, Russian River Valley

CLONES

35% Calera
25% Swan
20% Dijon 115
10% Martini
10% Pommard

FERMENTATION

Five-day cold soak in open-top fermenters, hand-punched down one to three times per day, free run sent directly to barrel, press wine settled and barreled separately

BARREL AGING

11 months in French oak:
24% new
9% one-year-old
62% two-year-old
5% three-year-old

BOTTLING

July 2014

PRODUCTION

750 ml = 420 cases
1.5 L = 16 cases



The 2013 Gloria Estate Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is Freeman's second-ever estate bottled wine, from the hillside vineyard directly adjacent to our winery facility. We chose the name Gloria since it was Hurricane Gloria that brought Ken and Akiko Freeman together in 1985. Ken was on a sailboat forced to spend the night in port, as the hurricane prevented him and his friends from setting out into the Atlantic as originally planned. That night they went instead to a party, where the best dressed and most beautiful woman was Akiko. The rest, of course, was history.

In a happy coincidence, it was a woman of the same name who sold Ken and Akiko several acres adjacent to the original winery property. Part of our estate vineyard now lies on Gloria's old apple orchard. In 2006 we planted the eight-acre vineyard to the heritage clones Swan, Calera, Martini and Pommard plus Dijon Clone 115. As in 2012, the 2013 Gloria Estate Pinot Noir is comprised predominantly of Calera and Swan, which are directly next to the winery.

Freeman's vineyard consultant, Greg Adams, works with vineyard manager Arturo Robledo to do all the excellent work at Gloria. Thanks in large part to their efforts, and in spite of very little rainfall, 2013 was a very high quality vintage for Gloria Pinot Noir. We harvested a crop of just over two tons per acre.

The 2013 Gloria Estate Pinot Noir has the darkest color of all the 2013 Freeman Pinots. Compared with the inaugural 2012, the nose on the '13 is a little shy, showing some hints of blackberries, currants and roasted meats. The palate is very complex, and with some aeration it reveals a ripe, dense Russian River Valley Pinot character with medium to high tannin and balanced acidity. It should start to come out of its shell in 2016 and last through 2026.