

GATE 2013 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir-

Two sites lend their coastal characters to this effort. Both buffeted by the seaborne cooling winds and fogs of the Pacific, planted on ancient coastal soils and selected for their regional personalities. Cool climate Pinot Noir that retains all of the beauty of the varietal.

A bit more forward, and elegant than the 2012. Perfume of pomegranate, fresh picked red and black raspberries and lightly crushed violets. Background hints of redwood forest floor, and graphite shavings. Well structured, with natural acids that are perfectly integrated and that lend a great backbone to this wine. Elegant, lengthy, silken finish.

- -Native fermentation
- -Fermented and aged in barrel sur lie, 11 months
- -Francois Frères cooperage, 20% new
- -Natural acids