Olette

VINEYARD DESIGNATE PINOT NOIR

2012 English Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir

According to Coastal Miwok mythology, Coyote "Olet'te" was thought as the creator and supreme chief forming the Petaluma Gap from the Sea and its first known inhabitants. Today this area is home to some of the finest Pinot Noir grapes in California. The area is defined by the wind gap formed at he opening of the coastal range heading east from the Pacific Ocean. The narrow-spaced vineyard of English Hill is a mosaic of nine Pinot Noir plots, one Chardonnay and one Syrah. Overlooking Toma;es and the Marin Coast Range, weather is turbulent and exposed at this site. On summer morings Pacific Fog engulfs the vineyard, covering the foliage with vital ocean mist. Afternoon winds dry the canopy and deposit flecks of soil in folds of the leaves. Late August heat draws moisture from the ground, forming cracks in the sandy-clay loam. Each wine from this vineyard carries a clear mark of its far coast orgin. From the ideal 2012 growing season this 2nd vintage from Olet'te is flawless and delightful. The grapes were gently extracted over native yeast and aged seven months in 30% new French prior to botling. The wine shows a reflective ruby color with intense floral and raspberry aromatics. Ine the In the mouth the wine has a good intensity with darker earth flavors and bright briary fruit. Fine tannins and vibrant acid add structure to a long finish.

Ph: 3.46
TA: 0.68
Alc: 13.2%
Time in Oak: 7 months (30% New French)
150 cases produced
Suggested Retail: $65

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