CARTE BLANCHE



2011 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir Nobles Ranch Vineyard

| AVA: | Sonoma Coast |
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| Varietal: | 100% Pinot Noir |
| Vineyards: | Nobles Ranch |
| Clone | Field Selection |
| Soil: | Gold Ridge atop the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean. |
| Micro-climate: | Nobles Ranch: Mountain climate with strong Pacific Ocean influence (cooler afternoons). |
| Components: | 100% Nobles Ranch |
| Alcohol %: | 14.8% |
| Vineyard yields: | 2.6 tons per acre |
| Fermentation: | At the natural temperature of the caves (63 F) |
| Barrel Aging: | 15 months |
| Cooperage: | Gauthier Frères, Francois Frères, Remond |
| Tasting Note: | A bright nose leaps from the glass showing Bing cherry, lilac, blood orange, rose petal, and wet stones. A generous attack is supported by ample structure and a mouth-filling mid-palate. Seamless tannins outline notes of dried sweet cherry, crushed rock, lavender, and a hint of baking spice. Enjoy with a little air or cellar to your choice. |
| Cases: | 250 Cases Produced. |
| Retail: | \$75 |

Hand-picked, small lugs hauled with refrigerated truck, cluster by cluster sorting, gravity fed to the bladder press. French oak barrel fermented and aged with weekly stirring. Up-bringing in barrels for 15 months.