

# JOSEPH SWAN VINEYARDS

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## 2014 Pinot Noir - Trenton Estate Vineyard

### THE VINEYARD:

An iconic vineyard in every sense of the word, our Estate vines seem to be finally getting the recognition that they deserve. When Joe Swan first planted pinot noir vines here it was because he had been convinced that the area was so cool that it was the grape of choice. Little did he know that 45 years later it would be thought of as one of the most important vineyards in all of the Russian River Valley, producing wine that from the beginning defined the terroir of this little spot on Laguna Ridge.

### WINEMAKING:

Each block of the vineyard is harvested separately as it reaches maturity. Each lot is then fermented and aged separately. Fifteen to twenty percent is left as whole clusters with the balance de-stemmed into open top fermenters. Wild yeast fermentation ensued after a 3 day 'passive' cold soak. The cap was punched by hand three times per day during the peak fermentation to extract color and flavor and to control fermentation temperature. After an average of 21 days on the skins the wine was pressed off, settled briefly and then racked to French oak barrels for 18 months of aging before selection, blending and bottling. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered.

### THE WINE:

Fairly dark color for pinot noir. Typical aromas of complex dark red fruit intermingled with oriental spice (cardamom, cinnamon, clove, nutmeg) with a bit of forest floor/underbrush/bramble. A big yet not overly extracted, ripe wine. Bracing ripe, smooth tannins and near perfect acidity argue for a long life. 210 cases produced.

