



# Sinor - LaVallee



## 2013 PINOT NOIR Estate Bottled / San Luis Obispo County

*"We put everything on the line to acquire Bassi Ranch Vineyard in early 2013. We had made wine from the property before. We knew what it was capable of, and our conviction led to action. From the vineyard's crest, we can see the ocean. Underfoot, the soil is cobbled and intense. After 20 years of winemaking, we have found home."*

*-Mike Sinor and Cheri LaVallee Sinor*



### Tasting Notes

Opens with jammy plum aromas. Hints of rose petal, boysenberry and earthiness on the nose. Brambly black fruit flavors with notes cherry and cinnamon, all converging into a round, luscious finish

### Estate Bassi Ranch Vineyard

Our estate Bassi Ranch Vineyard stands apart, pitched along steep slopes just 1.2 miles from the Pacific Ocean in Avila Beach. This wine represents our first estate-bottled Pinot Noir from this vineyard. The 2013 vintage is comprised of eight clones planted to 14.4 acres on the estate, specifically: Dijon 113, Dijon 114, Dijon 115, Wädenswil 2A, Pommard 4, Pommard 5, Dijon 667, and Dijon 777.

### Winemaking

The fruit was hand-harvested on a block-by-block basis over a period extending from August 5 to October 8. Half of the lots were fermented with native yeasts to layer in natural complexity. The lots were punched down three times daily for balanced extraction. After fermentation, the wine was aged for 11 months in French oak barrels (50% new).

**Lowdown:** 543 cases / Bottled on August 22, 2014