

D O N K E Y & G O A T

2013 Pinot Noir, Helluva Vineyard, Anderson Valley

The ranch affectionately called Helluva (because it is a helluva ranch!) is just northwest of Boonville. This is our fourth year making this light bodied and nervy Pinot. Pairs wells with blue cheese, potatoes and bacon, cupola cheese and pork tenderloin.

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Helluva

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Clone: Pommard 5

Age: 17 years

Elevation: 385 feet

Soil: Casabonne, Wohly and Cole loam/clay with some fractured rock

Yield: 3 tons/acre

Harvested: September 12, 2013

Pressed: September 21, 2013

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir with 35% Whole Cluster

Maceration: 9 days in open top wood vat

Barrel aging: 8 months in 1-3 yr French Oak barrels, 2 months in French Oak tank

Bottled: Unfiltered on May 24, 2014

Production: 304 cases

Release date: Fall 2014

Rural Anderson Valley speaks of cool evenings, warm fires and cherries. Helluva Pinot does as well. Bing and black cherries combine with spicebox, earthy ash and dust. On the palate the wine dances with acidity, cranberries and tart strawberries. The 2013 will show best with decanting if you plan to try while young.