



2014 Pinot Noir, Helluva Vineyard, Anderson Valley

The Helluva Vineyard is just west of Boonville in the Anderson Valley in soils of Casabonne, Wohly and Cole loam/clay with some fractured rock. This is our fifth year making this light bodied and nervy Pinot that entices the olfactory with crushed red fruit notes, especially cherry, laced with spice and earth and surprising texture resulting from nearly 40% whole cluster.

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Vineyard: Helluva

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Clone: Pommard 5

Age: Planted 1997

Elevation: 385 feet

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

Yield: 3 tons/acre

Harvested: September 8, 2014

Pressed: September 18, 2014

Blend: 100% Pinot Noir with 41% Whole Cluster

Maceration: 10 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 5, 2015

Production: 387 cases

Release date: Fall 2015

Rural Anderson Valley speaks of cool evenings, warm fires and cherries. Helluva Pinot does as well. Bing and black cherries combine with spice box, earthy ash and dust. On the palate the wine dances with acidity, cranberries and tart strawberries.