

SPELL

2012 Alder Springs Vineyard

Pinot Noir | Mendocino



The Alder Springs Vineyard is located 12 miles west of the Pacific Ocean, overlooking the town of Laytonville in the center of Mendocino County. The fruit for the Spell wines comes from two blocks located at an elevation that ranges between 1700 to 1900 feet on a Southeastern facing slope. The low-vigor, volcanic-based soils produce wines of distinctive character.

A dark purple garnet color introduces aromas of black raspberry, boysenberry, sandalwood, smoke and ground sage. Concentrated flavors of blueberry, raspberry, and ripe strawberry mingle with toasted grains, earth and bay leaf, sumac and juniper notes. The mountain fruit origin is detectable in the tannin structure and mineral elements, on the finish, are highlighted by wild berry fruit flavors. Drink now or over the next 8 – 10 years.

149 Cases produced | Release date September 1, 2014

89+ points | Stephen Tanzer & IWC

Brilliant ruby-red. Spicy black raspberry and cherry-cola on the fragrant, mineral-tinged nose. Offers intense dark berry and bitter cherry flavors that become sweeter and smokier with air. The mineral quality comes back strong on the finish, which is firmed by chewy, building tannins. Give this one some decanter time or a few more years of bottle age. (JR)

89 points | PinotFile

Dijon 459, 115, 667 and 777, Calera and “DRC” selections. Aged in 40% new, 25% once used and 35% older French oak barrels. · Medium reddish-purple hue in the glass. Pleasant array of aromas including cherry, berry, forest floor and oak spice. Discreetly concentrated but intensely flavored darker red berries and black plums with an earthy bent. The wine offers a generous acid backbone and balanced firm, dry tannins with a smooth texture. Very typical of this vineyard in my experience. About the same the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle.