

SPELL

2013 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.

Vivid violet in color, aromas of blueberry, ripe raspberry, dried rose pedals, clay, smoke, peat, and ground coffee drift from the bowl. Youthful red fruit flavors, juniper berry, espresso and a mineral element are seamlessly balanced with powdery-dry tannins and lively acidity. Like its brother, the Weir Vineyard pinot noir, this wine has the potential to age gracefully for those with the space and time to cellar a few bottles over the next decade.

Oak: 100% French; 43% new, 14% once used and 43% older
Clones: Dijon 459, 115, 667, and 777, selections of Calera and DRC
Harvest Dates: 3 Tiers, Upper and Upper West blocks
September 14, 2013
Bottled: August 11, 2014
Alc: 13.9%

126 Cases produced | Release date September 1, 2015

88 points | Pinotfile

Dijon 459, 115, 667 and 777, and heritage clones of DRC and Calera. Low-vigor volcanic soils located 12 miles west of the Pacific Ocean. Aged in 100% French oak barrels, 43% new, 14% once-used, and 43% older. Moderately dark reddish purple color in the glass. Very shy nose, even when check two days after opening. Good attack of fresh cherry and cranberry fruit flavors with a hint of citrus, good cut and balanced tannins, but lacks mid palate intensity and finish.

Reviewed June 14, 2015

