



Technical Release Note

2013 Narcisse Pinot Noir

Sonoma Coast

Appellation

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Vineyard

Cuvée of Soliste Single
Vineyards

Harvests Started

August 24, 2013

Alcohol

13.5%

Acidity

6.1 gm/L

pH

3.50

Production

783 Cases
(750 ml)

Vineyard

As followers of the Soliste philosophy are aware, in 2009 we made the decision to return to the roots of Burgundy and the craftsmanship of the Cistercian monks of Vougeot to focus on single clones from single vineyards and matured in single cooperage: MonoClone® our amazing L'Espérance, Sonatera, L'Ambroisie, Nouveau Monde and Fôret.

From this disciplined approach, we realized we had a unique and rare opportunity to create a Single Cuvée from the other great barrels from each of our vineyards. We blended the best barrels together and aged to harmonize the once separated wines to craft Narcisse Pinot Noir -- an exceptional wine of great depth, fruit concentration and elegance, a pure representation of Soliste wines.

Vintage Notes

The 2013 growing season was ideal in many respects. Moderate rainfall followed by warmer and drier early spring prompted early bud break. Late spring rains encouraged growth and nice weather during bloom allowed for a good set. The warm early summer followed by cooler than normal temperatures slowed ripening to fully develop exceptional flavors and color. The grapes were hand picked at midnight with rigorous field selection and winery hand sorting. The grapes were gently destemmed and about 10% whole cluster was reserved for spice, tannin and structure. Following a brief cold soak and gentle ferment, we aged Narcisse in 100% French Oak barrels (19% new) for 15 Months.

Tasting Notes

Decadent concentration of griottes (wild cherries), peppery spiced plum compote interlaced with earthy tones and violets. The mid palate is generous in width, spiked with exotic layers of cardamom, cinnamon, licorice, vanilla, and pomegranate. The voluptuousness of Narcisse is balanced by bright, tart red fruit acidity and polished tannins, all creating a Pinot Noir of superb concentration, texture, complexity and finesse. Narcisse 2013 is our best effort yet, a pure classic.

