

FRANCIS COPPOLA

DIAMOND COLLECTION

"The inspiration for the Diamond Collection was a bottle of 1906 Claret we found in the cellar of the Napa Valley property we purchased in 1975. I designed a new label reminiscent of this old bottle and created the Diamond Collection Black Label Claret, which is our company's most recognized offering. Today, Diamond Collection includes 13 varietals, each identified with a brightly colored label. The quality and authenticity of Diamond Collection is extremely important because we are a family company and our name is on the label. As such, you can trust that we'll always give you the very best."

—Francis Ford Coppola

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2012 PINOT NOIR

Diamond Collection wines are classic California expressions that offer fruit-forward, multi-dimensional flavor and immediate drinkability. We pick our Monterey County Pinot Noir in the early morning hours and bring the fruit inside for immediate crush and 48-hours of cold soak. This technique helps intensify the color and elicit more profound aromas. During fermentation, the grapes are punched down four times a day to extract the maximum amount of flavor and just the right amount of tannin. The wine is then aged in small French oak barrels.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2012 was an excellent vintage across California because of steady, mild temperatures that persisted throughout summer. Monterey, which always has cool weather, experienced mainly cold nights and foggy mornings this year. Pinot Noir thrives if early morning fog is present but dissipates by mid morning. These weather conditions helped to produce fruit with delicate and complex aromas. In fact, the fruit was very aromatic at the crusher, delivering spice and floral notes. The sheer complexity of this vintage far exceeds the wine's price point. The wine shows an ample and rich body with layered structure and the length is generous with a persistent finish.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Bright red
Aromas Cherries, strawberries, rose petals, cloves
Flavors Raspberries, pomegranate, spicy oak



Corey Beck, Winemaker



<i>Appellation</i>	Monterey County
<i>Blend</i>	100% Pinot Noir
<i>Alcohol</i>	13.6%
<i>Total Acid</i>	.56g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.72
<i>Barrel Regimen</i>	9 months in French oak
<i>Released</i>	July 2013
<i>Suggested Retail</i>	\$18.00