

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 2013 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

We had an idyllic growing season in 2013. It was dry and mild in Monterey County, which limited yields and provided even ripening. The clusters and berries were small with good concentration, and the natural acidity mimicked a cooler vintage. Plus, we got extra hangtime this season, harvesting a week and a half later than the year before. There are ample dark fruit flavors and the wine is once again very harmonious. Medium-bodied with a generous finish, this is yet another stellar year where the wine's complexity exceeds its price by offering a rich, silky palate, subtle tannins, great structure and beautiful nuances of flavor.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Bright red
Aromas Raspberries, black cherries, anise and lavender
Flavors Cherries, cloves, black tea leaves, and warm wood



Corey Beck, Winemaker



Appellation Monterey County
Blend 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol 13.5%
Total Acid .51g/100ml
pH 3.64
Barrel Regimen 9 months in French oak
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