

VOTRE SANTÉ

PINOT NOIR

2014

The wines of Votre Santé were inspired by Francis Ford Coppola's grandmother, Maria Zasa, a woman who treasured French culture and offered the time-honored toast, "à votre santé," or "to your health," each time she raised a glass. Votre Santé offers two wines made from the traditional French varieties Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Because these wines thrive in cool climates like their native Burgundy, we look to vineyards tucked away in the foothills of California's dramatic mountains and intimate river valleys, in close proximity to the chilly Pacific waters. This is "the other California," Votre Santé's California, where fog creeps in and tempers the region's famous sunny weather. These cool conditions bring out vibrant fruit character and balanced acidity in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, translating their French heritage into full California expression.



COOL-CLIMATE VINEYARDS — "THE OTHER CALIFORNIA"

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WINEMAKING

"We believe that a wine has a lot to say," says winemaker Francois Cordesse, who trained in France. "It's our job to help a wine express itself — in this case, to speak to its origins in California's coolest terroirs. After harvest and cold soaking, Pinot Noir grapes undergo partial whole-berry fermentation for aromatic complexity. We age the wine in a variety of French oak to impart nuances of vanilla and other warm oak characters. The finished wine has a smooth, elegant palate."

VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season was unusually warm and very dry. Fortunately, the foggy, cool-climate vineyards where we source grapes for Votre Santé were not adversely affected by the extreme conditions. While the dry weather gave us earlier than average ripening, our grapes enjoyed longer hangtimes than grapes in California's warmer appellations. We brought in high quality, fully-ripened Pinot Noir fruit with intense varietal character.

TASTING NOTES

Votre Santé Pinot Noir has aromas of raspberry and boysenberry, with delicate floral notes of acacia and rose petal. Juicy black cherry and plum character, accented with tea leaves and oak, round out the palate and carry over the long, complex finish. The wine also reveals an appealing hint of minerality that harkens back to Burgundy. Enjoy with everything from boeuf bourguignon to Niman Ranch burgers.

APPELLATION:	CALIFORNIA
BLEND:	100% PINOT NOIR
ALCOHOL:	13.5%
pH:	3.55
TA:	0.6 G/100ML
BARREL REGIMEN:	40% NEW BARRELS EQUIVALENT (FRENCH OAK)
HARVEST DATES:	LATE AUGUST-MID SEPTEMBER 2014
WINEMAKER:	FRANCOIS CORDESSE