

VINICULTURAL SOCIETY

2014 BELA'S PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SONOMA COUNTY

he Buena Vista Vinicultural Society, formed in 1863 by the winery's founder, Count Agoston Haraszthy to further improve its winemaking prowess and expand its vineyards, has been restored as a collection of unique small-production wines that honor the winery's pioneering spirit and contribution to California winemaking. The Vinicultural Society explores clonal selections, varietals and the incredible terroir of Northern California.



Named for Count Haraszthy's youngest son, Bela's Selection Pinot Noir hails from two vineyards in the Sebastopol Hills area of the Russian River Valley. Planted to clones 115, 667, Pommard and 23, the vineyards are farmed for their perfect Pinot Noir growing conditions and excellent terroir.

Once harvested, the whole berries were fermented in small open-top oak vats with hand punch downs, and stirred on the lees. The wine was aged for 13 months in 100% French oak barrels and bottled unfiltered.

Ruby colored in the glass, our 2014 Bela's Selection Pinor Noir opens with intriguing notes of brambleberry and sandalwood. A complex palate of strawberry, cassis, blackberry and plum skin is accented with spicy notes of orange zest and cardamom. This wine has medium plus body with fine grained tannins and its rich mouthfeel leads to a long, spreading finish.

Alcohol: 13.5% pH: 3.45 Total Acidity: 6.5

Aging: 13 months in 100% French Oak, 25% New