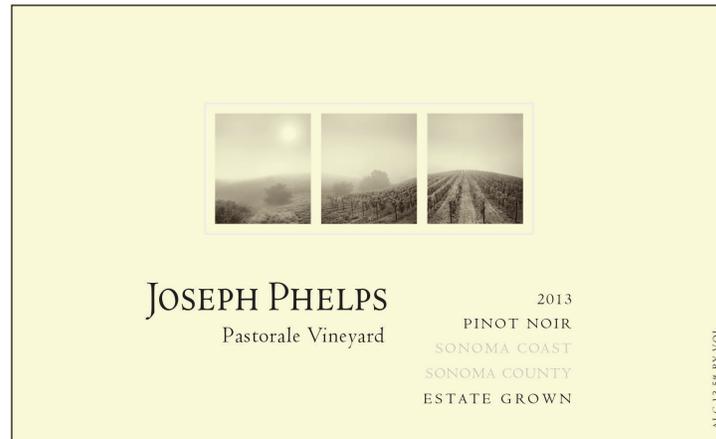


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## Joseph Phelps Pinot Noir, Pastorale Vineyard, Sonoma Coast 2013

### Winemaking Data

**Harvest Dates:** August 30 - September 12, 2013.

**Blend:** 100% estate-grown Pinot Noir from our Pastorale Vineyard.

**Aging:** 13 months in 55% new and 45% two- to three-year-old French oak barrels before bottling.

**Winemaking Notes:** This special bottling from our Pastorale Vineyard came from four specific blocks along a tightly spaced, sloping hillside section of the vineyard planted to a mixture of Calera and clone 777. Fruit was hand-sorted in order to choose the best whole clusters for fermentation. Tanks were fermented with 35% whole clusters for added spice, texture and tannin structure. 25% of the blend was fermented in oak open-top fermenters, lending a rounder mouthfeel to the finished wine. Daily punch downs were performed in each tank until the desired taste and texture was achieved.

Aromatic ripe berry, fresh cut herbs and smoked meat nuances mingle with a complex dark fruit palate dominated by blackberry, blueberry, wild black cherry and black currant. Richly textured layers of baking spice and racy minerality culminate in an elegant, lingering finish.

**Growing Season:** The 2013 Sonoma Coast growing season proved to be another excellent year. The season began with a dry, mild winter followed by light spring rains and warm weather giving way to early bud break and veraison. Minimal morning coastal fog led to sunshine filled afternoons throughout the summer ripening months setting the stage for an early harvest. Grapes received ample time for even, full maturity with harmonious sugar and acid levels. The wines produced from the 2013 vintage are balanced and concentrated with classic fruit structure.

**Review:** 93 Points, "The 2013 Pinot Noir Pastorale Vineyard is bright, precise and lifted. Rose petal, cranberry and cinnamon notes abound in a super expressive, crystalline Pinot endowed with fabulous detail and nuance." -Antonio Galloni, *Vinous Media*, Feb. 2015