



# SIDURI KEEFER RANCH VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2013

**Appellation: Russian River Valley; California; USA**

**Winemaker:** Adam Lee  
**Closure:** Screwcap  
**Alcohol:** 14.2%



## **Vineyard**

Our goal since day one has been to master Pinot Noir by experimenting with a variety of vineyard sources. Each year, we supervise the growing and harvesting of grapes at more than 20 vineyards that grow Pinot Noir for Siduri Wines. The diversity and individuality of all these sites has helped us to learn how to make better wine.

The 2013 Siduri Keefer Ranch Pinot Noir is a rare combination of fruit and acidity. The Keefer Ranch, located in the Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley, always seems to produce wines with abundant fruit. While this wine drinks well early, our Keefer Ranch Pinots have a habit of aging quite well and we believe that will be the case with this wine as well.

## **Vintage**

The 2013 vintage is the second of two outstanding vintages in California. Both prodigious in quantity and superb in quality, these type of vintages come about only rarely, and hardly ever back-to-back. If anything, 2013 may prove to be slightly superior to 2012 as the average berry size was smaller, but there were simply more berries, given higher natural skin-to-juice ratios.

## **Winemaking**

This 2013 Keefer Ranch Pinot Noir possesses both backbone and complexity. We achieved this by increasing the amount of whole cluster fermentation in the wine and by carefully including five different clones of Pinot Noir in the blend. All of which leads us to believe that this may be the finest and most complete Keefer Ranch Pinot Noir yet. A blend of five different clones of Pinot Noir: Pommard, 115, Wadesnail, 777, and Clone 23. Each clonal section was fermented separately with all of the clones being fully destemmed except for the 115 which was fermented with 40% whole clusters.

We believe in minimal intervention, “gentle” winemaking. In other words, we let the wine make itself. We do not want to do anything to the wine that isn’t absolutely necessary.

We believe in bottling our wines unfiltered and unfined. To date, we have never filtered or fined any wine, believing that, more often than not, these procedures strip wines of flavor and character. We believe that the best Pinot Noir expresses its origins. Our goal is not to produce the world’s best Pinot Noir but rather to produce the very best Pinot Noir from a given site.

