



2014 Volcanic Soil Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Appellation

The Dundee Hills are located in a largely south-facing somewhat circular pattern about 40 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Protected from coastal winds and from weather coming out of the North, the Dundee Hills are surprisingly warm in relation to adjacent areas during the summer and early fall. These hills are result of the Pacific Rim's "Ring of Fire" and the soil is a lava based soil containing silt, loam and clay. The result is a dense, ultra-rich soil that with even minimal oversight supports healthy vegetative growth. In the hands of professional vineyard managers the soil allows vineyards to flourish and the fruit to take on the richness the land has to offer.

The Volcanic bottling takes wine from select barrels of our three Dundee Hill vineyard sites to show off what we consider to be the best, most positive and classic traits that this appellation has to offer. The Dundee Hills' Pinot Noirs are about richness, sweet fruit with soft tannins. This wine will show the dense, regal and structured red fruit of Durant, the sublime sweetness of Balcombe Vineyard and the silky elegance and complexity of Weber Vineyard. This is sweetly fruited, sublimely textured Pinot with a long, supple finish and incredible texture from beginning to end. Certainly, this is a bit of a geeky exercise in winemaking but for those interested in the nature of *terroir* it is a pretty cool one.

As much as possible we here at Patricia Green Cellars view our wines not only individually, but within the context of the continuum in which they exist here at the winery. This wine is an important component as it defines the root example of our vineyards (Balcombe, Durant and Weber) planted in volcanic (Jory) soil. This bottling combines barrels from each of these sites to show how the soil in which our plants are grown impacts the way the plant grows and ripens fruit, how that ripe fruit develops and what the soil's impact on our wines ultimately is. From the Dundee Hills one should expect sweetness of fruit in the mid-palate combined with a variety of spices common to Pinot Noir, but perhaps most decidedly is the nature of the texture. The wines from this region should have a remarkable silky nature with satin-y tannins that allow the fruit to linger. This bottling is a wine truly born of volcanic soils that shows all of these elements in spades and is the baseline for all our Dundee Hill bottlings.

242 cases bottled.