

2012 LE MOULIN ROUGE PINOT NOIR  
VINEYARD AND WINEMAKER NOTES



*“Mountain  
vineyards,  
classical  
winemaking,  
limited  
production”*

**PISONI VINEYARD**

*Santa Lucia Highlands  
Monterey County*

Planted: 1991

Pinot Noir selection:

Vosne-Romanée 100%

Elevation: 1,300 feet

Soil: Decomposed granite

Exposure: East–northeast



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WINERY

2012  
LE MOULIN ROUGE

*Single Vineyard*  
*Pinot Noir*



**VINTAGE NOTES**

With a near perfect growing season, our 2012 Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir exhibits finesse and strong expression of terroir. The summer was long and warm allowing for steady ripening patterns. No rain and no frost paired with little fog and several clear, warm days resulted in balanced fruit development. With such a long, warm and mild growing season, acid levels remained low and tannins balanced and focused. We look forward to the overall expression the 2012 has to offer with its superb quality.

**WINEGROWING NOTES**

The Pinot Noir for our Le Moulin Rouge is grown on the slopes of the Santa Lucia Highlands in Monterey County. The vineyard's coastal soil and climate contribute a dense, yet delicate richness, and add to the wine's complexity. The clone, originally selected from Burgundy's Grand Cru, is showcased in a concentrated perfume and distinct varietal expression. The vintage's very small clusters and berries have produced a concentrated and intense wine. Along with fully ripe fruit, manual punch downs and barrel aging have contributed to the wine's gorgeous, silky tannins.

**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES**

Leading with intense aromas of wild strawberry, plum, violet and red cherry, the 2012 Le Moulin Rouge follows with hints of Earl Grey tea. Opening further, the bouquet reveals additional aromas such as strawberry, Grillottes cherry, graphite with clove and cinnamon in the background. Intense in the mouth, the wine blends richness and delicacy as the flavors stretch to a long earthy and fruit-filled finish. This beautiful wine drinks well young yet will age for a decade.

**WINE INFORMATION**

Harvested: September 20, 2012  
100% naturally fermented using native yeasts  
Aged 16 months in 50% new French oak barrels from select artisan coopers  
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered February 1, 2014  
Alcohol: 14.6 %  
Release Date: April 1, 2014