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Original oil on canvas by TR Colletta

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PINOT NOIR

Stanly Ranch ~ 2012 ~ Napa Valley

Vineyard Notes:

Viticulture at Stanly Ranch in Carneros began in the 1880's but fell off during prohibition. Stanly Ranch was first planted to Pinot Noir in the 1940s, when a clonal trial proved the ranch's well-drained clay-loam soils and rolling hills ideal for growing the finicky varietal. The clones and blocks have been significantly refined over the years, and Stanly Ranch is now one of the most sought-after vineyards for Pinot Noir in California.

Climate:

The Carneros AVA straddles the southern parts of Napa and Sonoma Counties. It is the coolest wine region in Napa, with fog rolling in from San Pablo Bay at night, then peeling back late in the day to expose the grapes to the sun. Stanly Ranch is on the Napa side of Carneros and has myriad microclimate throughout its rolling hills, resulting in substantial terroir differences in each block of the vineyard. The Bay has a significant influence, the lower areas being the first to be covered with fog and the last to emerge while the hills remain in the sun the longest and see it earliest in the morning. Our 2012 Cherry Pie single vineyard Pinot Noir is from the Home Hill of Stanly Ranch.

Winemaking Notes

2012 was an almost perfect year for Pinot Noir, with only a few minor heat spikes and a long dry fall. The fruit came in absolutely beautiful. We carefully choose the blocks to ferment in micro-lots to isolate the individual flavors and aromas. This wine was mainly fermented in 500 liter French Oak Puncheons with hand punch downs. A portion was aged in stainless and the balance (majority) was aged in the same puncheons the wine was fermented in that very year. The wine was never racked or filtered, and rested on gross lees the entire aging period.

Experience:

The 2012 Cherry Pie Pinot Noir is deep and concentrated. It shows tons of textural richness in its ripe red fruit aromas, there is no shortage of lush overt fruit this year. Big, rich flavors dominate this wine. It changes and opens in the glass enormously, although it disappears so fast. It's only by hiding an open bottle for several hours that you will truly discover the evolution. Enjoy!

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: 100% Carneros, Napa Valley

Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 30% New

Alcohol: 14.5%

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