

Rocky Point Cellars

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

2012

PINOT NOIR

La Colina Vineyard

VINEYARD DETAILS

La Colina Vineyard – Dundee Hills AVA, Willamette Valley Oregon

Both LIVE IOBC and SALMON SAFE Certified, the vineyard is perched on the southwestern tip of the Dundee Hills between 450' - 550' and was planted over three years from 1999 to 2001. Soil sampling has determined that there is over 6' of the infamous Jory soils throughout the vineyard, with sections of the hillside covered in Gelderman and Witzel. The property is planted exclusively to Pinot Noir – the Rocky Point Cellars block is 100% 777 - a one acre parcel carved out of the south westernmost section of the vineyard.

THE WINE

The 2012 Rocky Point La Colina Pinot Noir is 100% clone 777. The 2012 vintage of the La Colina is a perfect example of where 777 can go - rich and plush, velvety in mouthfeel, ripe blueberry and ripe black cherry aromas. The color is a beautiful deep purple-garnet. Gorgeous polished tannins give the finish great length.

We opted to age the La Colina in 100% new ERMITAGE French oak barrels - one standard 228L 36 Month Seasoned, Light toast, Allier, and one 265L, 36 Month Seasoned, Light Toast, Bertranges/Troncais Cigar barrel. The Cigar barrel looks essentially like a barrel that has been stretched out lengthwise - it looks like a cigar. The idea behind this shape and size is that the wine has more contact with the lees - through contact during barrel aging, the lees will help add more mid palate structure. For this barrel - we thus went to barrel "dirty" - not settling nor inoculating before putting the wine to barrel. For the standard barrel, we settled for 72 hours, inoculated, and then put the wine to rest in barrel as normal.



VINTAGE DETAILS

Harvest Date: October 25th, 2012

Yield: .96 Ton per Acre

Brix: 24.5

pH: 3.4

Alcohol: 14.5%

100% Whole Berry

Barrel Aging: 100% new

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Troncais Cigar barrel.

Clone(s): 100% 777

Vine Age: 12 Y.O.

AVA: Dundee Hills,
Willamette Valley Oregon

Cases Produced: 80

Released: April 2014

Retail Price: \$65