

# VARNER 2014

## Vintage & Block Summary Pinot Noir

### 2014 Hidden Block

3 acres  
northeast-facing slope  
730 to 690 ft. elevation  
17 year old vines  
5C rootstock  
sedimentary rock near surface  
Dijon 115 clone  
all french oak, thirty percent new,  
features Allier & Nevers forests  
370 cases produced  
\$48.00 Suggested Retail

### 2014 Picnic Block

2 acres  
east-facing slope  
645 to 600 ft. elevation  
14 year old vines  
5C Rootstock  
sedimentary rock shallow depth  
Dijon 777 clone  
all french oak, thirty percent new,  
features Allier & Nevers forests  
161 cases produced  
\$48.00 Suggested Retail

### 2014 Upper Picnic Block

2 acres  
east-facing slope  
660 to 645 ft. elevation  
34 year old vines  
grafted on to 27 year old roots in 2006  
sedimentary rock medium depth  
Dijon 777 clone  
all french oak, thirty percent new,  
features Nevers, Allier & Vosges forests  
331 cases produced  
\$48.00 Suggested Retail

Ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, northern Santa Cruz Mountains appellation  
Dry-farmed, non-fertilized, hand-hoed, no insecticides, native cover crop  
Grown on porous, young (1-3 million years old) fractured sedimentary rock

2-3% whole clusters, 5 day cool soak, hand punchdown, indigenous yeast  
Pressed at dryness, 2 months elevation in stainless steel, then 8 months in barrels without racking  
Hand-racked using an esquire and hand-cranked barrel tilting device, unfinned & unfiltered

### 2014 Three Blocks

A blend of all three blocks,  
49% Hidden Block  
2% Picnic Block  
49% Upper Picnic

Each block component is composed of a proportional blend of all barrels  
187 cases produced  
\$48.00 Suggested Retail



The drought continued in 2014 which for us led to a unique year with smaller canopies, lower yields and wines that have taken their time to evolve. They've been on a steady and continuous incline in the bottle. This vintage should have a long cellar life, not from structure like the 2012's but from density of fruit. The cumulative effect of the 3 years of drought concentrated fruit in a positive way, a satisfying end to our time at Spring Ridge.

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