



CELLAR NOTES

WALT IS DEDICATED TO CRAFTING premier Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the most distinctive vineyard sites along more than 1,000 miles of the picturesque Pacific Coast. From Oregon's Willamette Valley to Mendocino's Anderson Valley, through the Sonoma Coast and Napa Valley, and into the Sta. Lucia Highlands of the Central Coast, all the way to the Sta. Rita Hills in Santa Barbara. Through precision farming and a meticulous approach in the winery, we strive to capture the true character of each unique vineyard.





WALT WINES were named in honor of my grape-growing parents, Bob and Dolores Walt. They believed that great winemaking begins with thoughtful viticulture. With each year, we continue to refine our farming and winemaking in the pursuit of honest, vivid expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the most esteemed vineyards along the Pacific Coast.

In addition to maintaining our own Estate Vineyards, we are fortunate to partner with extraordinary winegrowers—farmers who collaborate with us throughout the growing season to produce balanced, expressive fruit every vintage. Careful stewardship of the grapes throughout the winemaking process preserves the texture, personality, and soul of our wines. In the cellar, our winemaking team works with passion and diligence to make sure each of our wines reflects the signature personality of its vineyards through true varietal character and remarkable complexity.

Thank you for exploring our wines. We hope they'll transport you to a place of beauty and celebration.

Cheers,

Kathryn Walt Hall

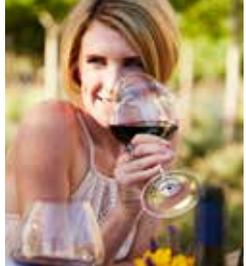
AT WALT, we're thrilled to source grapes from some of the absolute finest sustainable vineyard sites on the Pacific Coast, including our own Estate Vineyards, and those farmed by grape growers at the top of their field. Because we believe great wines start in the vineyard, we work that much harder to be exacting and honest during every step of winemaking, so the decisions we make preserve the genuine, focused character of each terroir.



Our winemaking approach includes: optical sorting; gravity feed to tank; allowing native yeast fermentation; encouraging a long malolactic fermentation with weekly batonnage; barrel aging on the lees to create more texture, richness, and complexity, bottling wines without the use of fining agents or filtration. Holding true to these methods leaves us no room for error or shortcuts, but we believe the reward is in our complex, expressive, complete wines.

Our portfolio of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay represents the best vineyard sources in combination with the most precise cellar techniques. These are wines of bold, approachable character—because life's too short for restraint!

—Megan Gunderson Paredes, WALT Winemaker



WINE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER

We offer two unique membership options, both with priority access to our beautiful, small-lot Pinot Noirs as well as a variety of member benefits. Each club is available as a 2, 4, or 6 bottle selection and ships quarterly in February, April, September, and November. Shipments of six bottles or more enjoy \$1 standard shipping.

VINTER'S CLUB

- 2 Selections of Single Vineyard Pinot Noir sent quarterly
- Guaranteed access to all Single Vineyard selections in our portfolio
- Average pricing - \$135/shipment + shipping and tax

APPELLATION CLUB

- Priority access to all our WALT selections
- Shipments include Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the WALT Appellation and Single Vineyard portfolio
- Average price - \$100/shipment + shipping and tax



Members receive priority access AND a 10% discount on all Single Vineyard Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Discounts on the Appellation Collection begin at 15% and increase with tenure.



Premier access to the release of our inaugural vintages of single vineyard Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir and our Rosé of Pinot Noir.



Special member pricing on our "Root 101" tasting experience at the WALT Sonoma tasting room.



Complimentary visits for four people when visiting our Sonoma tasting room, as well as at HALL St. Helena (Napa Valley). HALLmark tour and tastings only.



\$1 shipping anytime you order six bottles online, by contacting membership services, or when visiting our tasting rooms in Sonoma and Napa Valley.



Preferred pricing on HALL wines. Napa Valley Collection including Kathryn Hall Cabernet Sauvignon—15%. Winery Exclusive wines—10%.



Partner pricing at select hotels and transportation services in Sonoma and Napa Valley. Contact us for more details.

WALT VINEYARD LOCATIONS

Willamette Valley, OR

- a. Shea Vineyard, Willamette Valley, OR

Anderson Valley

- b. Savoy Vineyard, Anderson Valley
- c. The Corners, Anderson Valley
WALT Estate Vineyard

Sonoma Coast

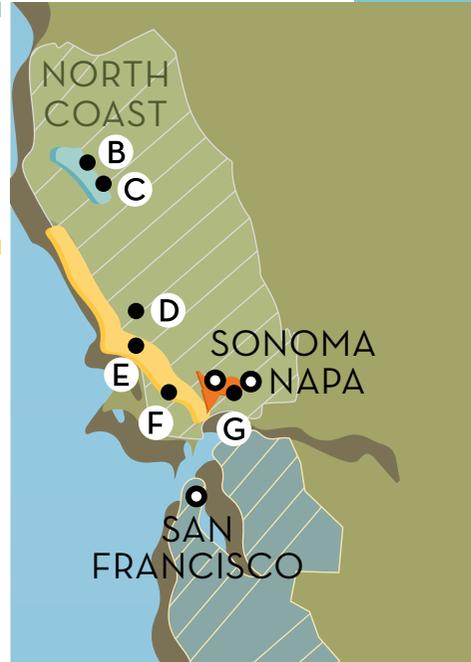
- d. Gap's Crown, Sonoma Coast
- e. Bob's Ranch, Sonoma Coast
WALT Estate Vineyard
- f. Sangiacomo Vineyard,
Sonoma Coast

Napa Valley

- g. Brown Ranch, Los Carneros

Central Coast

- h. Sierra Mar, Santa Lucia Highlands
- i. Rosella's, Santa Lucia Highlands
- j. Rita's Crown, Sta. Rita Hills
- k. Clos Pepe, Sta. Rita Hills
WALT Estate Vineyard



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THE INFLUENCE OF TERROIR

WE ARE COMMITTED to locating the finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyard sources along the Pacific Coast, and to making compelling, delicious wines that are honest expressions of their vineyard sites. This requires paying meticulous attention to the influence of terroir. Various soil composition, prevailing weather, and elevation all contribute

to defining the character of our wine. We celebrate the enormous range of varietal expression from appellations running from Oregon's Willamette Valley to the Central Coast of California. Within these appellations, each vineyard has its own unique story to tell, and we do all we can to allow it to speak through the wine.

AVA	NAPA VALLEY	SONOMA COAST	CENTRAL COAST	ANDERSON VALLEY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY
SOIL SAMPLE					
APPELLATION	Los Carneros	Sonoma Coast	Central Coast	Anderson Valley	Willamette Valley
SOIL TYPE	Haire clay loam	Sandy, Goldridge	Sandy loam, calcium rich	Gravelly loam and clay	Volcanic and seabed
SITE CHARACTER	Cool fog and ocean breezes create this elegant yet concentrated wine	Small, concentrated berries with intense flavors and tannins	Exemplary soil, producing a rich, round and supple finish	Focused and elegant with luscious cherry fruit and lifting acidity	Remarkable grace and complexity, earthiness and individuality



SHEA VINEYARD

OREGON'S WILLAMETTE VALLEY stretches south of Portland to encompass the drainage basin of the Willamette River. The Oregon Coast Mountain Range to the west buffers Pacific storms, while the Cascade Range to the east retains the region's cool, misty climate. The Shea Vineyard, developed by winegrowing pioneers Dick and Deirdre Shea, lies in the renowned Yamhill-Carlton sub-appellation. Vineyard manager Jesus Marin and his team farm precisely and sustainably, striving for pure expression of terroir. The Shea Vineyard is famous in the world of Oregon Pinot Noir, yielding wines that reveal their unique sense of place with wonderful balance and structure.

"Every time I visit and tour the vineyard with Dick, I'm swept away by his passion for grape growing as well as his meticulous attention to detail. The air here is fresh and clean, and I love the way the blackberry bushes grow wild at the edges of the rolling vineyards."

—Winemaker Megan Gunderson Paredes

Soil:	Sedimentary soil over fractured sandstone
Elevation:	350 to 620 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	140
Age of Vines:	19 years
Farming:	Dry-farmed; sustainable



WALT SHEA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

WE ARE INCREDIBLY FORTUNATE to partner with Dick and Deirdre Shea, pioneer growers in Willamette Valley, Oregon. The rolling hillsides of their vineyard are dry farmed, and feature well-draining sedimentary seabed soil and an extremely cool coastal climate. This results in wines of unusual elegance, clarity, and depth. Our WALT Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir is markedly different from our California Pinot Noirs, with lighter color and structure, and firm tannins that extend aging potential.

Our Shea Pinot Noir opens with aromas of rose petal, marionberry, and a hint of citrus oil. On the palate, flavors of strawberry, rhubarb, cedar, and dark earth are supported by a backbone of firm tannins. Dense and muscular in its youth, this wine will open gracefully over the next three years.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Shea
Appellation:	Willamette Valley
Clones:	Dijon 777, 115
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; unfined and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	12 months in 50% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **93 Pts.**
—*International Wine Report*

2013 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*

2011 - **91 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*

2013 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*

2010 - **91 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*



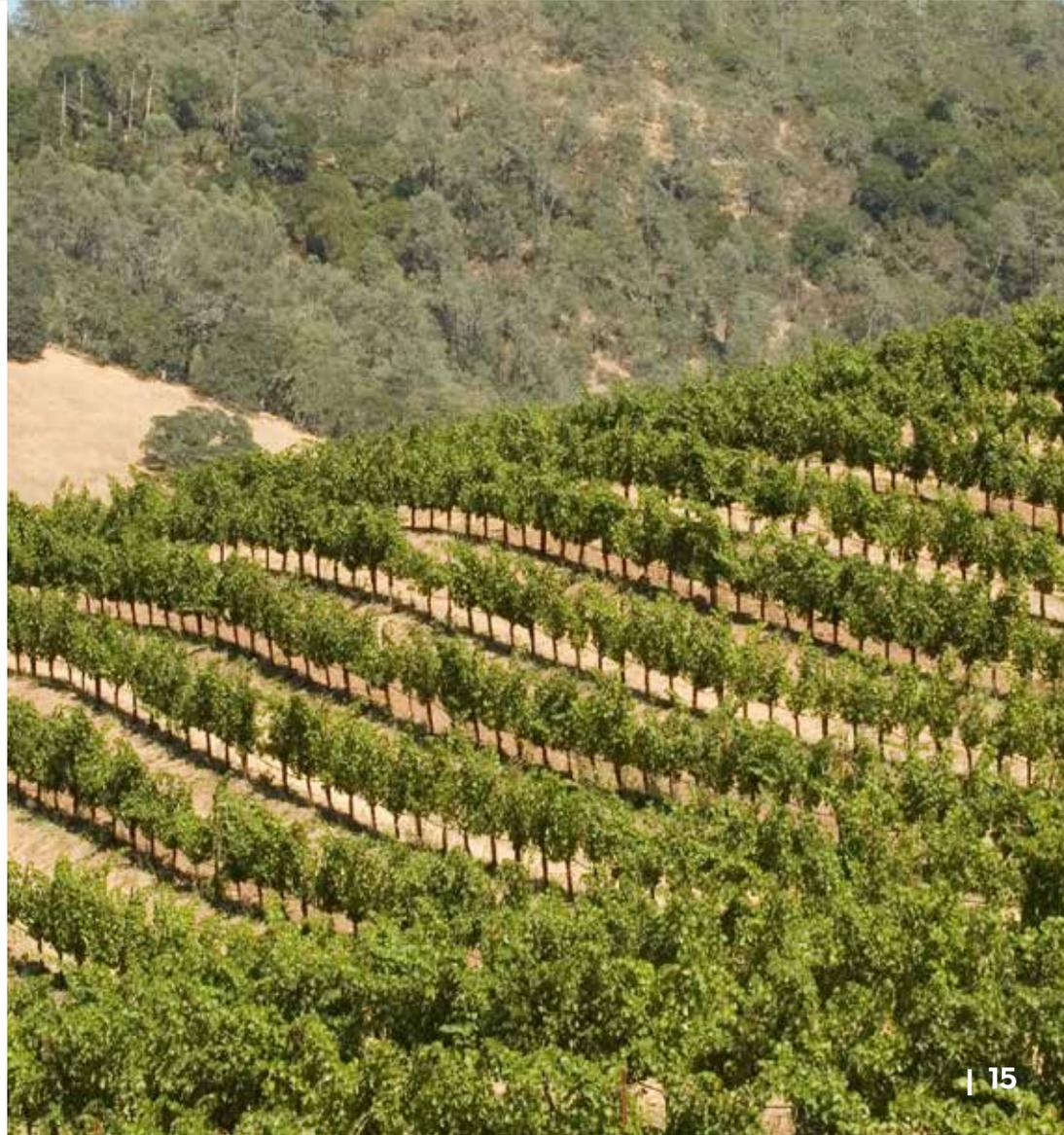
THE CORNERS VINEYARD

JUST NORTH OF THE SONOMA COAST APPELLATION sit the rolling hills of Anderson Valley in Mendocino County. Its numerous creeks and rivers snake through a rugged landscape that dips and swells from sea level to 2,500 feet in elevation. Our estate vineyard lies in the center of Anderson Valley, near the town of Boonville. In the 19th century, locals called Boonville “The Corners,” hence the name of vineyard. Vines are planted on extreme hillside slopes with gravelly clay soils and southern exposure. The warm afternoon sun fully ripens grapes, while cool breezes from the Pacific Ocean—only 12 miles away—extends the growing season, making this spot ideal for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay of exceptional quality. “The Corners” Vineyard was our very first WALT Estate property.

“The Corners is a very special place, with its multifaceted slopes and unique aspects, beautiful old trees, and never ending views. I like to walk the rows of vines early in the morning, while fog still hovers in the cool breeze.”

—Winemaker Megan Gunderson Paredes

Soil:	Cobbly clay loam with rock outcroppings
Elevation:	Steep hillsides up to 800 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	Southern exposure; dense planting 33 acres Pinot Noir— Dijon clones 114, 115, 667, 777, 828 UCD_4
Age of Vines:	8 years
Farming:	Organic practices



WALT THE CORNERS PINOT NOIR

WE SOURCE THIS PINOT NOIR from the upper elevations of the dramatic slopes of The Corners Vineyard, where vines take root in lighter, well-draining soils. These conditions develop smaller vines that produce small clusters of berries with concentration and depth. The grapes ripen steadily in the long days of summer, and large diurnal temperature swings develop generous blue and red fruit characters and beautifully balanced acidity. At the winery, employing stem inclusion during fermentation gives aromatic lift, structure, and length on the palate.

Our WALT “The Corners” Pinot Noir is a decadent, opulent wine. Intriguing spice and baked plum aromas lead onto a silky palate that reveals dark berries, chocolate covered cherries, and notes of hibiscus. A polished, layered mouthfeel with balanced acidity carries over onto a long finish.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	The Corners
Appellation:	Anderson Valley
Clones:	Dijon 667, 777, 115
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; stem inclusion; unfinned and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	11 months in 45% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **93 Pts.**
—The Wine Advocate

2013 - **91 Pts.**
—The Wine Advocate

2011 - **92 Pts.**
—Wine Spectator

2013 - **92 Pts.**
—Wine Spectator

2012 - **93 Pts.**
—Wine Enthusiast

2010 - **95 Pts.**
—Wine Enthusiast



SAVOY VINEYARD

THE SAVOY VINEYARD is located at the mid-point of Anderson Valley, just northwest of the town of Philo. It lies closer to the Pacific Ocean than The Corners Vineyard—our own Anderson Valley estate—and the result is a cooler, maritime influence that sometimes turns extreme. The site's gentle, southwest facing hillsides are divided into tiny blocks. These blocks are meticulously farmed for low yields which produce berries with intense expression. We love Pinot Noir wines from the Savoy Vineyard for their serious personality and elegant tension.

"We've been making Pinot Noir from the Savoy Vineyard since 2010, and the wine quality has been consistently phenomenal. This spot has the well-draining soils and undulating hillsides that Pinot Noir loves. Some years the cool climate can be tough, but it pays off with distinctive acidity."

—Winemaker Megan Gunderson Paredes

Soil:	Perrygulch loam
Elevation:	200 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	43 acres
Age of Vines:	Various
Farming:	Sustainable farming practices



WALT SAVOY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

COLD CONDITIONS from the nearby Pacific Ocean make farming the Savoy Vineyard a challenge, but the high quality Pinot Noir with bright cherry character and a distinctive earthiness make it well worth the effort. We blend three hillside vineyard blocks of different clones—Dijon 115, Pommard, and Martini—to create a symphonic whole giving this unique vineyard full expression.

This elegant wine is layered and nuanced with aromas of pomegranate, bright cherry, and forest floor leading into a layered, refined palate with hints of oak, spice, and bergamot. Savoy has opulent texture and a dense, ultra-lengthy finish.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Savoy
Appellation:	Anderson Valley
Clones:	Dijon 115, Pommard, Martini
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; unfined and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	11 months in 45% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2013 - **90 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **94 Pts.**
—*Pinot Report*

2012 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*



WALT BLUE JAY PINOT NOIR

ANDERSON VALLEY IS AN IDEAL appellation for growing world-class Pinot Noir. The region's proximity to the Pacific Ocean, and higher elevations with rugged soils and wide diurnal temperature swings develop wines of intriguing tension, with round, opulent blue fruit characters, bright acidity, and firm grip on the palate. Our Blue Jay Pinot Noir sources fruit from The Corners vineyard. Additional fruit comes from Savoy and Wentzel, varying from vintage to vintage.

Aromas of concentrated blueberry, lavender, and wet stone lead into a full, rich palate with broad, powerful tannins. Warm, spicy oak opens to full-blown flavors of blackberry jam, white pepper, and freshly turned earth.

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard: The Corners

Appellation: Anderson Valley

Clones: Variety

Winemaking: Native yeast fermentation;
stem inclusion;
unfined and unfiltered

Barrel Aging: 11 months in 40% new French Oak,
Francois Frères

2014 - **90 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*

2013 - **5 STARS**
—*Quarterly Review of Wines*

2012 - **93 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **92 Pts.**
—*Pinot Report*



BOB'S RANCH

BOB'S RANCH, ONE OF OUR ESTATE VINEYARDS, sits within the Sonoma Coast AVA close to the Pacific Ocean. The marine layer keeps this site 15 degrees cooler than Russian River Valley which is just to the north. Bob's Ranch is exposed to gentle winds, which provide beneficial stress to vines for the development of intense concentration in grapes. The rolling hills of this vineyard are divided into small blocks, then further divided into smaller blocks featuring unique rootstock and clone combinations. In total, Bob's Ranch holds 43 blocks on 72 acres with 9 distinct field selections of Chardonnay and 17 distinct field selections of Pinot Noir.

"We do everything on an incredibly small scale with Bob's Ranch. We ferment each individual block in its own tank. I call it 'micro-scale' winemaking. It gets a little insane, but it's a winemaker's dream when it comes to blending."

—Winemaker Megan Gunderson Paredes

Soil:	Cotati fine sandy loam
Elevation:	195 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	72 acres
Age of Vines:	7 years
Farming:	Sustainable farming practices



WALT BOB'S RANCH PINOT NOIR

Our Bob's Ranch Estate vineyard lies along California State Route 116 between Cotati and Sebastopol in Sonoma County. Vines here are shrouded in morning fog, warmed by bright afternoon sunlight, and buffeted by cool coastal breezes. This climate, in combination with the vineyard's sandy, well-draining soils, stresses vines into producing Pinot Noir grapes of deeper fruit character.

Bob's Ranch Pinot Noir opens with aromas of ripe pomegranate and cherry, and has hints of the complex earthy character that distinguish this terroir. A bright palate showcases pitch-perfect balance between fruit and acidity.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Bob's Ranch estate
Appellation:	Sonoma Coast
Clones:	Variety
Winemaking:	Small-lot fermentation; blocks within blocks vinified separately
Barrel Aging:	10 months in 50% new French oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **93 Pts.**
—*The Wine Advocate*

2014 - **94 Pts.**
—*International Wine Report*



WALT BOB'S RANCH CHARDONNAY

BOB'S RANCH ESTATE, developed by Paul Hobbs, is home to exceptional enclaves for both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay—varieties that develop vibrant fruit and balanced acidity in cool climates. For our Chardonnay, we source from vineyard blocks planted to Old Wente, a field selection that yields clusters of “chicks and hens”—or both small and large berries. This gives us intense aromatics, distinctive texture, and enhanced complexity.

Bob's Ranch Chardonnay opens with aromas of apricot, stone fruit, and a thread of minerality that carries over onto a vibrant, well-structured palate.

Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard:	Bob's Ranch
Appellation:	Sonoma Coast
Clones:	Old Wente Field Selection
Winemaking:	Small-lot fermentation; blocks within blocks vinified separately
Barrel Aging:	9 months in 45% new French oak, Francois Frères

“There’s an exciting quality to this Chardonnay, an intriguing flintiness that develops under the chilly influence of the ocean.”

—Winemaker Megan Gunderson Paredes

2014 - **94 Pts.**

—*Wine Enthusiast*



GAP'S CROWN

THE SONOMA COAST, a sub-appellation of the Sonoma County American Viticultural Area (AVA), experiences heavy fog and strong winds tempered by bright afternoon sunshine. The vines slowly warm up over the course of the day, evenly ripening grapes, while maintaining their natural balance. Gap's Crown Vineyard is perched on a hillside in the direct path of the Petaluma Gap, a break in the coastal range at Bodega Bay that lets in fog and cool, steady winds from the Pacific Ocean. Our vineyard team practices vine-by-vine farming to optimize the development of the grapes throughout the growing season.

"I love to walk the rocky hillside of this vineyard in the morning. The light plays off the vines and filters through the lingering fog, and there's a strong, persistent breeze that carries the scent of freshly-turned earth."

—Winemaker Megan Gunderson Paredes

- Soil:** Brown clay loam with significant rock; smaller areas of gray clay with less rocking
- Elevation:** 300 to 800 feet above sea level
- Planted Acres:** 138 acres; high-density spacing; vertical shoot positioning; rocky hillsides
- Age of Vines:** 9-12 years
- Farming:** 100% sustainably farmed with innovative and traditional methods



WALT GAP'S CROWN PINOT NOIR

GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD sits on the southwest end of Sonoma Mountain at the edge of the Petaluma Gap, a band of lowlands that draws in cool, steady wind from the Pacific Ocean. This cool climate extends the growing season, for long, slow ripening of grapes that show exquisite balance between big varietal flavor and optimal acidity. The rocky, well-draining, hillside soils of Gap's Crown give us tiny clusters with berries, yielding structured wines of great depth.

Bold aromas of currant, Chinese five-spice, and saffras lead into a weighty, lush palate, where a chewy grip is balanced by brilliant acidity. Notes of cocoa, açai, and smoke carry over onto a powerful, persistent finish.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Gap's Crown
Appellation:	Sonoma Coast
Clones:	Dijon 777, 667, 828
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; unfined and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	11 months in 65% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **94 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2013 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **93 Pts.**
—*Pinot Report*

2012 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*

2011 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*

2010 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*



SANGIACOMO VINEYARD

THE SANGIACOMO VINEYARD, just outside the city of Sonoma, is famous for Chardonnay. The cooling influence of nearby San Pablo Bay extends the growing season for slow, even ripening of grapes and the development of perfectly balanced acidity. Every year we look to the same block of the Sangiacomo Green Acres Vineyard—bordered by Sonoma Creek to the east with Fowler Creek running down the middle—for Chardonnay of effusive, tropical fruit expression.

“We love working with the Sangiacomo family. They do a great job—they care, and they’re old-school in their farming. Every year we sit down and taste Chardonnay with the family and everyone else who is lucky enough to make wine from their grapes.”

—Winemaker Megan Gunderson Paredes

Soil:	Sandy, Goldridge
Elevation:	30 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	162 acres
Age of Vines:	47 years
Farming:	Certified Sustainably Farmed (CSWA)



WALT SANGIACOMO VINEYARD CHAR DONNAY

THE SUSTAINABLY FARMED, low-yielding Green Acres Vineyard of the Sangiacomo Family is planted to a variety of clones, including Old Wente with its looser, “chicks and hens” clusters. This mixture of small and large grapes greatly contributes to the complex character of the wine. The site’s light, loamy soils—not quite sandy—are limiting, and they gently stress vines into producing grapes of full, ripe expression.

WALT Sangiacomo Chardonnay is an open, effusive wine with characteristic aromas of tropical fruit and pineapple upside-down cake. This wine is a palate pleaser. It reveals bright, balanced acidity that carries right on into the finish.

Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard:	Sangiacomo
Appellation:	Sonoma Coast
Clones:	Old Wente Field Selection
Winemaking:	Barrel fermentation
Barrel Aging:	9 months, 45% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **93 Pts.**

—*Wine Enthusiast*



WALT LA BRISA PINOT NOIR

THIS APPELLATION BLEND features fruit from several select vineyards throughout Sonoma Coast. We look to sites with undulating hills and well-draining soils that stress vines and keep berries small for intense varietal expression. Warm afternoons and cool coastal breezes—"La Brisa" ("the breeze" in Spanish)—develop fruit of vibrant, balanced acidity.

This complex Sonoma Coast blend opens with aromas of lush raspberry, fig, violet, and cinnamon spice. Flavors of cherry coulis and dark spice cascade onto a broad, full palate that finishes with clean, mineral acidity.

- Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir
- Vineyard:** Select vineyards throughout Sonoma Coast, including Gap's Crown and Bob's Ranch
- Appellation:** Sonoma Coast
- Clones:** Variety
- Winemaking:** Native yeast fermentation; unfinned and unfiltered
- Barrel Aging:** 11 months in 40% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **93 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2013 - **93 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **91 Pts.**
—*Pinot Report*

2012 - **90 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*

2011 - **90 Pts.**
—*IWC*

2010 - **93 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*



WALT SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY

WE SOURCE OUR SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY predominantly from our Bob's Ranch estate, where Pacific winds sweep over the rolling hills. This cool climate extends the growing season, allowing grapes to develop full varietal flavors balanced by optimal acidity. A wide clonal selection brings nuance to the overall blend, and a small percentage of fruit from the Sangiacomo Vineyard enhances the wine's expression.

This is a big Chardonnay, with aromas of lemon curd, pineapple upside-down cake, and a keen thread of minerality that leads into a balanced palate. Barrel fermentation adds to the wine's complexity and richness.

Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard:	Bob's Ranch, Sangiacomo Vineyard
Appellation:	Sonoma Coast
Clones:	Variety
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; partial barrel fermentation; unfined and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	10 months in 35% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2015 is the inaugural vintage of Sonoma Coast Chardonnay. This wine has not yet been submitted for review.



BROWN RANCH

THE BROWN RANCH VINEYARD sits on a hillside north of the San Pablo Bay at the base of the Mayacamas within The Los Carneros, Napa County Appellation. The area, known as the “banana belt,” is a slightly warmer micro-climate where the morning fog burns off earlier, warming the vineyard for a longer period of time than other sites in the appellation. “Diablo” Haire clay loam soils create exceptional growing conditions for Pinot Noir. The soils are lighter and less dense than most areas of Los Carneros, thereby creating smaller vines with concentrated grapes. Cool fog and ocean breezes coming from the San Pablo Bay provide the perfect environment for this elegant wine.

“Brown Ranch—a onetime cattle ranch—is a beautiful spot, with early morning fog that burns off magically to reveal undulating hills. It’s a pleasure to make wine from one of the most historic vineyard sites in Carneros.”

—Winemaker Megan Gunderson Paredes

Soil:	Haire Clay Loam
Elevation:	120 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	29 acres <i>21 acres planted to Pinot Noir</i>
Age of Vines:	22 years
Farming:	Sustainable farming practices Fish friendly farming



WALT BROWN RANCH PINOT NOIR

BROWN RANCH LIES IN ONE OF THE WARMER spots of the cool Carneros AVA. The weather—warm sun, cool fog, and windswept rows—influences the development of clusters, creating complexity that comes from “chicks & hens,” or clusters holding both small and large berries. The upper portion of this vineyard is planted to Pommard, 667, and 777 clones, and results in a very palate-pleasing, approachable, food friendly Pinot Noir.

This is an effusive, fruit-forward wine with notes of brown spice, cola and sassafras complementing the bright, ripe fruit. A firm line of acidity follows through on the satisfying finish.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Brown Ranch
Appellation:	Carneros
Clones:	Variety
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; unfined and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	10 months in 40% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **94 Pts.**

—*Wine Enthusiast*,
Editors Choice

2013 - **91 Pts.**

—*Wine Enthusiast*

2013 - **90 Pts.**

—*Wine Spectator*



CLOS PEPE

CLOS PEPE VINEYARD, managed by winegrowers Stephen and Cathy Pepe, is one of WALT's exceptional Estate Vineyards. Through a combination of this distinct piece of land's very limiting soils and a strict adherence to natural winegrowing practices, the Clos Pepe vineyard optimizes the complexity and nuance of Pinot Noir. There are two clones found within the vineyard; Dijon from a lower-vigor section, and Pommard from gravelly slopes. The Dijon brings elegance and the Pommard provides structure, richness, and dark fruit.

Soil:	Tierra sandy loam
Elevation:	440 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	29 planted acres
Age of Vines:	Various, 1994-1997
Farming:	Sustainable farming practices



WALT CLOS PEPE PINOT NOIR

CLOS PEPE IS OWNED by Stephen and Cathy Pepe, who are among the first farmers to develop vineyards in the area. The vineyard lies on gently sloping hillsides composed of soils of gravel and seabed sediment. Warm inland temperatures funnel in cool fog and maritime winds from the Pacific Ocean, giving this vineyard the chilly conditions in which Pinot Noir thrives.

For our Clos Pepe Pinot Noir, we blend two contrasting clones: Dijon from a lower-vigor section for elegance, and Pommard from gravelly slopes for structure, richness and dark fruit. This is a powerful wine, with aromas and flavors of “pinot funk,” strawberry extract, and a unique seabed minerality. The palate is focused upon entry, then swells to a smooth, full bloom over the mid-palate and lingering finish.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Clos Pepe
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Clones:	Pommard, Dijon 115
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; unfined and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	11 months in 55% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **94 Pts.**
—*The Wine Advocate*

2014 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*

2014 - **94 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2013 - **91 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **93 Pts.**
—*Pinot Report*

2012 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Enthusiast*

2011 - **91 Pts.**
—*The Wine Advocate*

2010 - **92 Pts.**
—*Wine Spectator*



RITA'S CROWN

THE CENTRAL COAST AVA stretches roughly 250 miles along the coastline of California from San Francisco County in the north to Santa Barbara County in the south, averaging about 25 miles in width. The Sta. Rita Hills, a sub-appellation of the Central Coast AVA, follows a clearly defined transverse (east/west) maritime corridor that ushers in the Pacific fog and constant cooling breezes. Rita's Crown site is nestled high atop the southwest-facing slopes, overlooking the Santa Ynez River Valley. Here, the struggle to survive in chalky, sandy loam soils causes vines to produce concentrated grapes with powerful varietal character, and the cool micro-climate conditions maintain the grape's natural acidity for wines of remarkable balance.

Soil:	Sandy loam; clay loam; fossilized seashells
Elevation:	600 to 1,000 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	60 planted acres; 21 blocks; vertical shoot positioning
Age of Vines:	7 years
Farming:	Sustainable, organic practices



WALT RITA'S CROWN PINOT NOIR

OUR SOUTH-FACING RITA'S CROWN VINEYARD in the Sta. Rita Hills pulls in fog and cool air from the Pacific Ocean, just eight miles away. This extends the site's growing season, giving grapes long hangtime for full ripeness. With extremely limiting, chalky soils, this high-elevation site produces small vines that struggle, leading to small clusters with tiny berries. The resulting wine is concentrated and rich, with striking depth and a distinctive aromatic minerality.

This wine has fragrant, powerful aromas of freshly turned earth, ripe raspberry, rose petal, black tea and a hint of chalk. On the palate, dense red fruit, warm spice, minerality and a unique vanilla nougat flavor carry over the lingering finish.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Rita's Crown
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Clones:	Dijon 777
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; soil included; unfinned and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	11 months in 60% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **94 Pts.**

—*Wine Enthusiast*

2014 - **94 Pts.**

—*The Wine Advocate*

2013 - **92 Pts.**

—*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **92 Pts.**

—*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **92 Pts.**

—*Pinot Report*

2011 - **92 Pts.**

—*The Wine Advocate*

2010 - **90 Pts.**

—*Wine Spectator*



SIERRA MAR

THE SIERRA MAR VINEYARD is owned by Gary and Rosella Francioni, famed pioneers of this appellation with family roots going back four generations. Translated in English as “Mountain Sea,” this vineyard represents extreme mountain coastal terrior. This is an incredible high-altitude vineyard site with decomposed granite and gravelly loam soils reflecting some of the best of Santa Lucia Highlands. The vineyard produces ripe, lush, unctuous fruit that is balanced by the site’s natural acidity. Sierra Mar Vineyard is one of the region’s highest and most extreme vineyard sites along five terraced slopes.

Soil:	Decomposed granite and gravelly loam
Elevation:	1,000 feet above sea level
Planted Acres:	48 planted acres
Age of Vines:	Planted in 2008 Island planted 2012
Farming:	Sustainable farming practices



WALT SIERRA MAR PINOT NOIR

SIERRA MAR TRANSLATES TO “MOUNTAIN SEA” in English, a fitting name for a site that represents the best of extreme mountain coastal terroir. The decomposed granite and gravelly loam soils of this high-altitude vineyard produce lush, unctuous fruit, and the cooling ocean influence maintains the grape’s bright natural acidity for beautiful balance.

Dark and powerful, our Sierra Mar Vineyard Pinot Noir opens with a nose of Chambord, dried herbs, and wild berries leading into an ultra-concentrated palate of black cherry fruit and hints of spicy oak. The finish is dense and lengthy, loaded with fine grain tannins.

Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Sierra Mar
Appellation:	Santa Lucia Highlands
Clones:	Pisoni
Winemaking:	Native yeast fermentation; unfined and unfiltered
Barrel Aging:	12 months in 60% new French Oak, Francois Frères

2014 - **95 Pts.**

–*Wine Enthusiast*

2014 - **94 Pts.**

–*The Wine Advocate*

2014 - **94 Pts.**

–*Wine Spectator*

2013 - **93 Pts.**

–*Wine Enthusiast*

2012 - **94 Pts.**

–*Pinot Report*

2011 - **94 Pts.**

–*The Wine Advocate*



WALT PINPOINT EXTREME PINOT NOIR

EACH VINTAGE, WE CRAFT a “Pinpoint Extreme” Pinot Noir blend—rearrange the letters and you’ll find our anagram, “pinot experiment.” Pinpoint Extreme allows us to demonstrate both the precision and innovation of our winemaking—cutting edge ideas and practices showcasing exciting new techniques that drive our minimalist approach and help to increase vineyard site expression. Over the years, we’ve experimented with including soil in fermentation; fermentation in barrel; whole-cluster fermentation; fermentation with roasted stems. All of which differ from our standard winemaking techniques. If we like the result, we end up incorporating the technique for the next vintage; other methods we evaluate and decide not to repeat. Each year we work with fruit from a different site, but every wine showcases a vibrant, unforgettable expression of varietal, vintage, and terroir.

“Each year, this wine is intended to be a learning activity. This [2013] vintage’s creativity involves the addition of soil from the Sta. Rita Hills to vineyards in the Russian River Valley. With great minerality on the nose, the result is rich and decadent, a wine that’s juicy and velvety in black and red fruit and pillowy tannins. A warmth of spice lingers on the finish.”

—Virginie Boone, *Wine Enthusiast*
92 Pts., Editor’s Choice





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OUR DOOR IS OPEN EVERY DAY from 11am to 6pm, and our passionate, knowledgeable staff is ready to guide you through an exciting portfolio of distinctive wines. We look forward to leading you on a delicious journey through the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards of the Pacific Coast. In addition to a tasting bar, you'll find intimate indoor and al fresco seating, original artwork, and a team of friendly hosts. Taste your way through our current selections or purchase a favorite bottle to sip with friends. We hope to see you soon!





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