

*Cima Collina*

**2013**

**TONDRE GRAPEFIELD**

**PINOT NOIR**

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The Tondre Grapefield is planted in the southern reaches of the Santa Lucia Highlands on a river bench with glacial soils that range from sandy loam to decomposed granite. The area receives sunshine during the day but is cooled in the afternoon by ocean breezes that sweep through the Salinas Valley from Monterey Bay. All of these characteristics make this one of the country's premier regions for Pinot Noir. Tondre Alarid, the patriarch of the Alarid family & a lifelong farmer in the Salinas Valley, planted 6-1/2 acres of Pinot Noir in 1997 -- naming it a "Grapefield" to reflect his family's farming heritage -- but the vineyard has since grown to just over 100 acres under the management of Joe, Tondre's son. We have had a long relationship with this vineyard & appreciate the finesse & aromas of the wines it produces.

The grapes in this wine were hand harvested on September 11, 2013. We destemmed all but 5% of the clusters and fermented them in a small open top stainless steel tank. We punched down the caps by hand every day and once primary fermentation ended the wine was macerated for a week longer before pressing. Free run and press wines were blended together and settled overnight in a tank prior to moving the wine to barrels where it aged for the next 10 months.

Tasting Notes: very aromatic. Cherries, spices, rose petals. Silky tannins. Notable weight and texture.

**Appellation:** SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS

**Vineyards:** 100% TONDRE GRAPEFIELD

**Blend:** 100% PINOT NOIR

**Aging:** 10 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS, 36% NEW

**Alcohol:** 14.6%

**Bottling Date:** September 11, 2014

**Production:** 249 Cases

**Winemaker:** ANNETTE HOFF DANZER

**Suggested Retail:** \$40

**Release Date:** September, 2016

Tasting Room  
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