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**BENEVOLENT DICTATOR**  
**SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR**  
2013

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*What do you call a wine with a powerful, authoritative presence that's also irresistibly likeable and food-friendly—bold, yet balanced, firm, yet kind? You call it Benevolent Dictator, of course.*

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**2013 VINTAGE**

The 2013 vintage in the Sonoma Coast was both generous in yield and of superb quality. We suffered no extended heat surges, but plenty of sun, with nighttime temperatures dipping less than usual. Following a warm and dry spring with near ideal conditions, this long and sunny growing season easily brought grapes to full maturity. At harvest our fruit showed lovely balanced acidity, optimal sugar, good color and fine tannins. The wines of 2013 are bright and energetic, with vibrant aromatics, defined varietal character and lots of complexity.

**TASTING NOTES**

Effusive, fruit-focused aromas with boysenberry and ripe Bing cherries revealing a hint of sweet toasted oak and savory baking spices. The mid-palate is full of deep, rich flavors with root beer, cola berry notes along with moderately lavish oak character and delicious ripe black cherry fruit reminiscent of Russian River Pinot Noir. A rich, yet smooth style, offering complex tiers of ripe blackberry with a touch of black licorice and spice. Giving this wine a bit of breathing time in the glass will reward you with layers of complexity, vibrancy and balance.

**Vintage:** 2013

**Appellation:** Sonoma Coast

**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir, Clones 115, 667, 777

**Alcohol:** 14.1%

**Cooperage:** 100% French Oak, 40% New

**Production:** 400 cases

**Retail:** \$55

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