



BENEVOLENT DICTATOR
SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR
2014

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.

2014 VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season in the Russian River Valley started early and ended early. A moderate winter in January and February led to an early budbreak in March. Drought conditions in California contributed to the long growing season with mild spring and summer weather leading to an early harvest. Two weeks of cool, foggy weather at the end of August temporarily slowed ripening, before a heat wave over Labor Day weekend pushed harvest over the finish line. The grapes were happily fermenting in the winery long before damaging, yet much-needed fall rains arrived.

TASTING NOTES

Bright Bing cherry aromas are delicately intertwined with baking spices and cola. Pure ripe cherry juiciness on entry offers the telltale signs of distinctive Russian River Pinot Noir. Lush, yet elegant, the Benevolent Dictator embraces a vibrant blackberry core with layers of black tea, cedar and a kiss of sweet vanilla. The velvety tannins and juicy fruit linger on the finish. Give this wine a bit of breathing time in the glass and you will be rewarded with layers of complexity, vibrancy and balance.

Vintage: 2014

Appellation: Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir, Clones 667 and 777

Alcohol: 14.2%

Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 40% New

Production: 315 cases



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