

# MATIAS

## 2014 Matias Soberanes Pinot Noir | *Santa Lucia Highlands*

**Vineyard-** The site features tightly spaced vines and is planted to 38 acres of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah and sits on the Santa Lucia Highlands Bench adjacent to the Garys' Vineyard. The Soberanes Vineyard is a joint project, owned and farmed by Gary Francioni and Gary Pisoni. The Santa Lucia and Gabilan mountain ranges surround the Salinas Valley and act like a conduit, directing the winds off the Pacific down the valley, cooling the region from warm inland temperatures. The afternoon winds deliver fog off the Monterey Bay, acting as a buffer and extending the growing season. The typically sandy soils of the Santa Lucia Highlands are further influenced in this vineyard with copious amounts of rough granite to create the vineyard's signature terroir.



**Vintage-** The 2014 vintage offered excellent growing conditions. A mild winter and spring compounded with almost no rain contributed to early ripening, low to moderate yields and highly concentrated grapes resulting in exceptional quality. 2014 is one of the earliest vintages we've seen in over a decade, but it will also go down as one of the best.

**Fermentation-** 70% of the fruit was de-stemmed and moved by gravity to open top fermenters. The remaining 30% was left whole cluster and added to the top of the de-stemmed fruit. The tank was chilled to 50F for a nice, long cold soak to increase enzymatic extraction then allowed to warm on its own. The fermentation was indigenous as was malolactic. The tank was pressed off just before dryness to preserve fruit and minimize harsh alcoholic extraction, the wine was transferred immediately to barrel without settling for added mouthfeel and complexity.

**Harvest Date:** August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Winemakers:** Dan Fitzgerald

**Assistant Winemaker:** Nicole Michael

**Cooperage & Aging:** 100% French Oak, 55% new from the Troncais and Chatillon forests. The wine was left to age for 15 months in barrel.

**Bottling:** November 2015

**Production:** 124 cases

**Sensory Notes:** Deep purple/red in color, the nose is full of black cherries, rose petals, dried herbs and Fall spices. The palate is lush and concentrated, resplendent with orange blossom, raspberry, cedar and a touch of anise.

**Final Technical Information:**

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**pH:** 3.59

**TA:** 0.64g/100ml

**Alc:** 13.9%

**Available Formats:** 750ml

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$55.00