



RIVERBENCH



## 2014 ONE PALM PINOT NOIR

*Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley*

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir, Clone 667
HARVEST	August 28, 2014
COOPERAGE	50% New French Oak
COOPERS	Boutes
ACIDITY	0.56 g/100ml
PH	3.75
ALCOHOL	13.2%
BOTTLED	July 27, 2015
PRODUCTION	350 cases
PRICE	\$44

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

Meet our One Palm Pinot Noir, the debonair one of the bunch. He's polished and gracious, with integrated oak that won't overwhelm the senses. This wine pops with a dark purple color, customary of clone 667, and coats the tongue with hints of red fruits – strawberry, raspberry, and cherry. Yet there is a dusty quality that brings in an element of earthiness, maybe dirt after the rain, adding some old world sophistication. Yes, we're talking more Rhett Butler than Ashley Wilkes, make no mistake, with a sultry sexy, brooding and... dare we say it?... dangerous edge. One sip of this and, frankly, you won't give a damn.

### 2014 HARVEST

Vintage 2014 started off on schedule historically at bud break. The atypical two weeks of 80 degree weather in March and April accelerated things in the vineyard, putting us several weeks ahead of schedule. The warm weather pattern continued each month through bloom and veraison. When all was said and done, we were 18 days ahead of historical harvest dates, the earliest in Santa Barbara County history. Quantity was down for Chardonnay, and average for Pinot Noir. Our Pinot Noir exhibited beautiful small berries which is always a winemakers delight. Harvest was fairly compact in duration and was completed without a hitch. Flavor profiles are beautiful and concentration and color in the finished wines are excellent. 2014 is looking to be as good a vintage as 2012 in Santa Maria Valley, perhaps even better. Time will tell.

