

# *Domaine de la Terre Rouge*

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## **2012 Pinot Noir “Duarte-Georgetown”, Sierra Foothills**

There is a bit of Pinot Noir history in the Sierra Foothills at cool, high elevation sites. Boissevain Vineyard now called Vinehill in Georgetown has grown some Pinot Noir for over 25 years. The Duarte-Georgetown planting is in Boomer series, gravelly loam at 2,500 feet, and was established in 2007, when existing vines on a North-facing slope were grafted to five different Pinot Noir clones: #5 from Pommard, #91 from Pommard, #37 from Mount Eden, #38 from Dijon (#459) via OSU, and #18 Gamay Beaujolais selection (Viticulture 1160 V15). In 2012 we harvested all the varieties together..

The grapes were hand-picked on October 3rd, about two weeks earlier than in 2011. 50% of the grapes were crushed and 50% were whole cluster. We used ambient yeast that started fermenting after a 5 day cold soak and the cap was managed by hand. The wine was pressed after two weeks in the vats. It went directly into French oak cooperage and 25% was new. It aged on lees for 10 months and was first racked into the bottling tank. The wine was bottled on August 27, 2013.

Burgundian in color; not over-extracted; strawberry-cinnamon scents with herbs and spices, it has wonderful freshness and persistence on the palate. Bright and lively with nice structure, silky texture, and balanced tannins. This vintage reminds us of some of the more delicate Pinot Noir wines and vintages from Alsace, Germany, Austria, and Burgundy.

14.2 % alcohol by vol.; 3.65 pH; 6.5 gm./liter total acidity.

Retail Price: \$30

Cases produced: 279 cases

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