

## 2014 Mendocino Ridge Tripp's Block Pinot Noir

The second edition of the Tripp's Block Pinot Noir quenches the Burg-hound's desire for spice-driven, complex Pinot Noir. This redwood-ringed vineyard is nestled in the forests of the Mendocino Ridge AVA at high elevation, only a few miles off the coast as the crow flies. The 2014 is a beautiful example of an ethereal Pinot Noir, full of foraged fruits, cedar box, nutmeg and cinnamon-stick, with a mouth-coating texture of well-woven tannins and dried strawberry on the palate. The combination of one-third whole-cluster fermentation and one-third new French oak produces an intoxicating spice-box nose that weds magically with the inherent spicy fruit from this vineyard.

Spice isn't the only defining feature of this wine. 2014 was a beautiful growing season, with complex flavors of lush mulberry, red currants, and ripe Santa Rosa plums that truly transcend any notion of what a Pinot Noir must resemble.

### *Vineyard Notes:*

Hidden within Mendocino's redwood forests, Perli Vineyard is one of the most exceptional Pinot Noir sites we have come across. High above the fog line at 2,000 feet, Tripp's Block is a unique parcel of the vineyard that produces a wine that is hedonistic and incomparable.

### *Cellar Notes:*

<b>Percentage New Oak</b> 30%	<b>Composition</b> 100% Pinot noir
<b>Barrel Aging</b> 16 months	<b>Alcohol</b> 14.1%
<b>Bottling Date</b> January 28, 2016	<b>Production</b> 290 cases
<i>~30% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML</i>	

