

AQUINAS {a.kwine.əs}



VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Pinot Noir

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION North Coast

OAK AGING 12 months

OAK SOURCING 100% French Oak

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.76 TA 5.6 g/L

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2015 PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES

Our Aquinas Pinot Noir is elegant and uniquely Burgundian. Earthy tones are dominant with notes of black currant and toasted clove. A remarkably round wine with bright raspberry, blueberry and blackberry flavors reminiscent of a berry mélange. Napa Carneros fruit shines through with smoky flavors and a lingering, beautiful finish.

APPELLATION

Napa is recognized as one of the top wine regions in the United States and it's not surprising. It's unique for the diversity of soils found in such a small geographical area. Bordered by two mountain ranges, the valley stretches approximately thirty miles north to south, one mile east to west at its narrow northern end and five miles at its widest point near the town of Napa. Its maritime climate of warm days and cool nights coupled with deep, yet not excessively fertile soils make it ideally suited for the cultivation of ultra-premium grapes. The first grapes were planted here in 1838 and today Napa accounts for four percent of California's total wine production focusing primarily on the top end of the wine market.

Sonoma County borders Napa Valley along the Mayacamas Range in the east and Mendocino in the north. The region offers diverse environments including valley, hillside, moist ocean coast, dry inland, cool southern regions and warmer northern areas. A vastly diverse range of topography, distinct microclimates and small valleys, along with cooling maritime influence and moderate climate are part of why Sonoma County is said to embody a perfectly balanced environment for grape growing.

BRAND PHILOSOPHY

Aquinas wines were born from our conviction that good wine, one of life's simple pleasures, should be easily accessible to all. In championing this philosophy we didn't take the easy route. We headed straight for the esteemed appellations of the North Coast—Napa and Sonoma counties, where we began crafting luxurious wines that would be priced within reach of most wine drinkers.

Aquinas wines are named in tribute of St. Thomas Aquinas, a revolutionary philosopher of the 13th century who used scientific methods to try to prove the existence of a "higher being." Just as St. Thomas sought to question the assumptions of his world, we seek to challenge the assumptions of ours.