



VINTAGE 2014

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

PROXIMITY TO OCEAN 9 miles

ALCOHOL 14%

PH 3.25

TA .80

CASES PRODUCED 140

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE \$25

SAMSARA

2014 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

Samsara is all about growing the perfect grapes in this young AVA to make highly textured Pinots and Syrahs unlike any others in California.

WINEGROWING REGION

- The Santa Rita Hills are situated in the country's only purely transverse east-west mountain range adjacent to the Pacific Ocean. The AVA was created in 2001.
- The wind is an incredible asset to this area, circulating air, which keeps the vigor of the vines and deters rot. The wind and fog create some of the coolest summer-time temperatures in California.
- The growing season extends 35 to 40 days longer than most other California growing regions, allowing opportunity to pick when stems, seeds, and fruit are all in perfect ripeness.

WINERY BACKGROUND

Samsara began in 2002 after the owners returned from traveling around the world, experiencing its many cultures. For the name of their winery they chose a Sanskrit word meaning "the eternal cycle of life."

Samsara's philosophy of pristine and healthy fruit allows for a non-manipulated winemaking process. Samsara's fruit is grown in ¼-acre plots of personally-selected rows in various Santa Rita Hills vineyards. Picking fully-ripe stems and seeds is foundational to Samsara's overt fruitiness that develops during whole cluster fermentation. Along with the climate and soil, these diverse, handcrafted wines are a rare combination of full ripeness, concentration, excellent structure, minerality, high acidity, and moderate alcohol levels.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

- Hand-harvested from the Kessler-Haak and Lafond Vineyards
- Bled off after sitting on the skins for 14 hours
- Fermented at 40 degrees in neutral oak with native yeast only
- Aged for 18 months at 55 degrees in neutral oak barrels to add complexity
- No fining, no filtering, and first racking was after 12 months

TASTING NOTES

- Vivid orange-pink; zesty, sharply focused nose displays an array of red berry and floral scents plus hints of succulent herbs and white pepper
- Taut, mineral-dominated red currant and strawberry flavors open with great depth; smoothly plays power off finesse and finishes with resonating florality
- Fantastic wine to serve with both delicate and hearty food

