



2015 Spring Release Letter

"Wine makes every meal an occasion, every table more elegant, every day more civilized." ~ Andre Simon

Our Spring newsletter is coming to you from UCSF Hospital where my wife and I are not only elated to announce the birth of our first child, a beautiful baby boy born on January 17th, 2015, but also are very excited to release the first two wines from what is arguably our finest vintage yet.

For our 2013 Pinot Noirs, we remained concentrated on the pursuit of crafting distinctive wines of focus and freshness while highlighting the unique terroir of each of our vineyards on the Sonoma Coast. I believe that this is exactly what we did, and I am incredibly proud of our finished set of bottled wines.

One approach that has helped us achieve this goal is working solely with vineyards that are highly deprived of water towards the end of the growing season. This practice has allowed us to now ferment the grapes 100% whole cluster rather than only including a small portion of stems as we had previously done. This total stem inclusion not only gives the wines an extra level of complexity, but was essential in preserving a level of freshness beyond what we have seen in prior vintages.

To ensure that the wines are approachable and pleasurable, we have continued to pick our grapes at peak ripeness before the flavors become too dark or the body becomes too heavy. All of our 2013 Pinot Noirs finished at less than 12.5% alcohol. In turn, the wines display exquisite balance and incredible versatility with high acidity, fine tannins, low alcohol and a distinct sense of place.

On a final note, our son is not our only addition to report. At the start of the 2013 vintage, I began the search for our first full-time employee. After looking through many resumes, I finally met with Joanna Wells of Napa Valley, who became Kutch employee #1. I am very fortunate because Joanna brings an amazing array of experiences and skills to the team. Not only has our brand improved but so have our wines, and I have Joanna to thank. With her on board, I am confident that there are only more great things to come in the future!

Our vineyards were harvested in the following order:

August 20 *McDougall Ranch, Sonoma Coast*

September 2 *Campbell Ranch, Sonoma Coast (blend)*

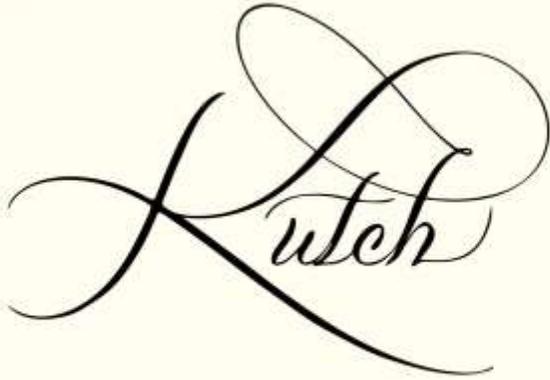
September 4 *Sonoma Stage, Sonoma Coast (blend)*

September 11 *Bohan Vineyard, Sonoma Coast*

September 12 *Falstaff, Sonoma Coast*

Please try and be patient and allow the wines to recover from both bottling and shipping before opening. They will provide more enjoyment with age. If you are anxious, be sure to provide the wine plenty of oxygen by decanting and allowing the wine to breathe.

2013



SONOMA COAST

Sonoma Coast

PINOT NOIR

2013 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

This wine is comprised of two distinct vineyards representing the extreme northwestern edge of the appellation in the remote coastal mountains near the town of Annapolis and the frigid southernmost tip of the AVA amongst the funneled winds of the San Pablo Bay. The mix of soil types, exposures, and climates create an alluring wine of focus, length and tension.

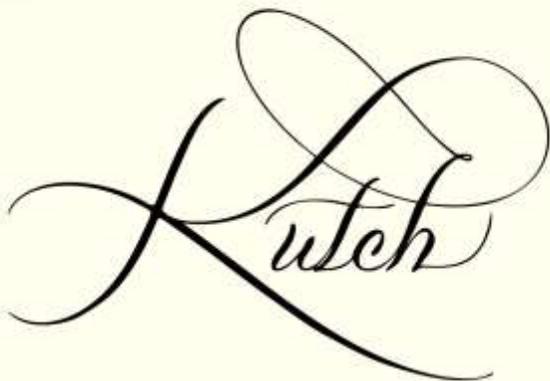
Tasting Note by Jamie Goode, British Wine Critic – Lovely black cherry aromatics. Fresh and quite taut with sweet berry notes and a bit of spiciness. The palate is supple, smooth and quite elegant with ripe black cherry and plum fruit, together with some grippy structure under the fruit. Sweet and alluring with nice freshness and elegance. Lovely.

94 Points

100% Whole Cluster, 12.3% Alcohol, 30% New Oak, Unfined and unfiltered.

\$39 per bottle

2013



FALSTAFF

Sonoma Coast

PINOT NOIR

2013 Falstaff Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Far and away our most marginal site, Falstaff sits on a ridge west of the Sebastopol Hills fully exposed to cool ocean breezes and dense coastal fog. The moderate growing season and shallow Goldridge soils culminate to create a wine of understated elegance and transparent terroir.

Tasting Note by Jamie Goode, British Wine Critic – Fresh, juicy and bright with lovely texture to the raspberry and cherry fruit. Real freshness evident. Ripe, with sweet fruit, but showing lovely poise and balance. Really stylish and balanced with incredible focus, good acidity, but no hint of harshness. An elegant, focused style of Pinot Noir showing lovely floral aromatics and fine grained, expressive red cherry fruit. **95 Points**

100% Whole Cluster, 12.1% Alcohol, 100% Neutral Oak, Unfined and unfiltered.

\$59 per bottle

Tastings available by appointment.

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