

Big Basin Vineyards

Pinot Noir "Coastview Vineyard" 2014 Santa Cruz Mountains, California

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Score 90+ points

Also seeing 100% whole clusters and 15 months in 75% new French oak, the 2014 Pinot Noir Coastview Vineyard is completely different in style, with the oak hiding some of the stem influence and adding another layer of wood tannin. Black raspberries, toasted spice, rose petals and a touch of barrique all flow to a medium-bodied, rich, tannic Pinot Noir that has solid concentration, nicely integrated acidity and a good finish, where the tannin is front and center. This has potential though, and needs 2-3 years of bottle age and will drink well over the following decade. (JD)

