

FIDDLEHEAD

CELLARS

2013 DOYLE

FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD PINOT NOIR
STA. RITA HILLS



KATHY'S CORNER

Doyle represents the pinnacle that a partnership can reach, the very best barrel of an already phenomenal vintage. A fond tribute to my husband of 33 years (in 2013), exemplifying the marriage between vineyard and barrel, and how the best things come not through blind luck and chance but through special attention and nurturing of that something extra special.

The search is quite fun, but a bit challenging. I scrutinize every barrel in search of the single best one, which is not always found in every vintage. We taste extensively throughout the year to discover and verify THE ONE that exhibits all that makes Fiddlestix Vineyard one of the truly exemplary vineyards in all of Sta. Rita Hills.

This is the only portfolio label that changes with the wine. This year's label is "The Barn", by Jody Joseph, plein air artist extraordinaire. Each bottle is numbered just for you!

Enjoy with Cheers, Kathy, Jody & Doyle

- **The Estate Vineyard:** Fiddlestix Vineyard is located in the fabulous cool climate of the Sta. Rita Hills- home to extraordinary Pinot noir. We enjoy direct ocean breezes and night time fog infiltration. Our ancient well-drained sedimentary soils are mineral-based and chock-full Monterey shale and chert. Varied aspects and soil diversity enhance our opportunity to add layers into our wines. Sustainability is the guiding force here, a practice that extends from the vineyard to the winery. SIP certified.



- **The 2013 Vintage:** A long, sunny growing season marked the second vintage in a row of near perfect growing conditions. Picking for this wine began on September 11th, the midpoint of our Fiddlestix harvest. The extreme lack of rainfall (less than 7 inches) delivered small, even-sized berries that shouted concentration with fully developed flavors.
- **The Winemaking:** As this wine proves, greatness can come from anywhere in the vineyard, and as much as we try to predict the best place it simply is not predictable. 100% Clone 113 from Block 5D, chosen by rigorous tasting after 18 months in barrel. This wine spent half its life in new French Oak and the other half in once-used French Oak, both from one of our favorite coopers, Rousseau. 100% destemmed, with a 4-day cold soak before yeast inoculation to increase texture and structure without extracting harsh seed tannins, fermented dry and free run juice racked directly to barrel.



- **The Wine:** The bouquet sings with notes of lavender, black cherry, and sandalwood, partnered with subtle notes of cola, crushed black pepper, and allspice. Punctuating flavors of black raspberries and pomegranate coalesce into a concentrated, elegant finish.
- **Profile:** pH = 3.34; Acid = 6.34 g/L; Alc = 13.7%
- **Limited Production:** Only 24 cases produced!