



# CARMEL ROAD

MONTEREY

## 2013 Drew's Blend Pinot Noir

### REGION Monterey

The wines of Carmel Road come from a remarkable group of vineyards that lie within the Salinas Valley of Monterey County. On the western side, the alluvial plain stretches from the mouth of Monterey Bay southward along the eastern-facing benchland in the rain shadow of the Santa Lucia range down to the entrance of the Arroyo Seco Canyon. The eastern side of the valley sits on the foothills of the Gabilan Range and constitutes a series of west-facing alluvial hillsides. The foot hills here receive more afternoon sunshine, which promotes a riper fruit profile.

### VINTAGE 2013

The 2013 growing season began exceptionally, with a warm and dry spring providing consistent temperatures and few extreme weather events. These near ideal conditions continued late into the growing season, as warm days and cool nights allowed grapes to ripen slowly and evenly, producing extraordinary quality and high yields for a second year in a row. The resulting wine offers a pure varietal expression with balanced acidity and remarkable flavor.

### WINEMAKING

With the 2013 Drew's Blend Pinot Noir, Carmel Road's Pinot Noir expertise meets the vivacious, free spirited charm of winemaking partner Drew Barrymore. Drew and winemaker Kris Kato set out to craft this wine, with the goal of offering a beautiful Pinot Noir featuring red fruit and warm spice notes, perfect for sharing with friends and family. Sourced primarily from our estate Panorama Vineyard nestled in the foothills of the Arroyo Seco AVA, select lots from our Clark and Mission Peak vineyards provide balance and elegance. All of our vineyards have been certified sustainable by the SIP organization (Sustainability In Practice) since 2008.

### TECHNICAL DATA

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS Panorama (82%),

Clark (6%), Mission Peak (6%)

APPELLATION Monterey

CLONES 23, 115, 667, 777

BARREL AGING 8 months in

95% French oak (17% new)

ALCOHOL 13.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY 0.58 g/100ml

*"Lush & vibrant highlighting fresh red fruit aromas & flavors with hits of spice and tobacco. It's a very pretty wine and has lots of subtle aromas and nuances."*

-Kris Kato, Winemaker



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