

HERON PINOT NOIR

 **CATEGORY:** Unexpected Reds



WINEMAKING DETAILS

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

REGION: California

SIZE: 12/750ml

TERROIR: Monterey, West side of Paso Robles, and Russian River. An elegant composition of sustainably farmed grapes from several of California's cool, marine influenced micro-climates. We use several different clones. Wadenswill adds brightness with sour cherry and crushed raspberries. Pommard 4 delivers earthiness. Sustainably farmed, these vineyards use no fertilizers nor soil amendments. Complexity is achieved with blending appellations, not varietals.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING: Night harvested. Fruit delivered to winery cold. Partially destemmed clusters. Pre-fermentation and 48 hour cold soak to maximize fruit and color extraction. Pump over usually 3 x a day until 10 brix, then 2 times a day. After primary fermentation is complete, we finish malolactic in neutral barrels for complexity.

AGING: Aged in Francois Freres medium toast neutral barrels for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

- Garnet in color. Aromas of violets and ripe cherries mingle with earth notes. Crushed raspberry, sour cherry, and lightly toasted vanilla.
- Elegant and precise, with light bodied tannins and a soft silky finish.

WINERY OVERVIEW

Heron wines overdeliver by outshining the California category with perfectly balanced, varietally-correct wines by the notorious female winemaker, Laely Heron.

Heron Wines is a brand that embodies the personal life experiences, philosophy, and spirit of its founder, Laely Heron. Like Laely herself, her style of winemaking is unique, adventurous, daring, irreverent, non-traditional, and international. She was one of the first female owned and operated wine brands in the world.

