

BIRICHINO



Lilo Vineyard, Santa Cruz Mountains and Monterey Bay

2013 LILO PINOT NOIR

The Lilo Vineyard, on a south-facing hillside in the Santa Cruz Mountains, is a startlingly magical spot. At the fog line, just shy of 300m, its complex shale, schist and sandstone soils combine with a steep slope to naturally limit yields and concentrate the exceptional coolness of the site.

Bordered by Douglas Firs and Coastal Redwoods, its powerful darker, blacker quality of fruit has a distinctly vivid, exotic sandalwood aromatic intensity, finely wrought structure, and natural freshness that carry it with nerve and grace.

While we pick earlier, and prefer a minimally interventionist winemaking approach employing native fermentations, minimal punchdowns, short macerations, and elevage in neutral wood, our label features a 16th century woodcut of a surfing sorcerer performing distinctly Dark Arts before a strikingly familiar coastline. After a little more than a year in old French barrels and demi-muids, we bottled, unfiltered, in January of 2014.

TA: 6.1 g/l, pH 3.60, Alc. 13.5%

-Alex and John

Release Date: Summer 2015
Composition: Pinot Noir 100%
Appellation: Santa Cruz Mountains
Case Production: 320cs