

BIRICHINO



2013 SAINT GEORGES PINOT NOIR

In 2013, we got the first real crop off the slightly younger block of the Lilo Vineyard, now in its 6th leaf. The roster of Saints represented in our Saint Georges cuvée has now expanded twofold to include Saints Larry and Lilo, who agreed the darkly fragrant crop from the younger parcel would make a fantastic contribution to the Saint Georges. Thus, what was a small portion in 2012 from their Santa Cruz Mountain site became more significant in 2013.

Very small berries from the Besson vineyard -up against the base of the Santa Cruz Mountains -contributed some tannin and color on a Birichino scale, while lastly a small lot from a limestone seam close to the Malvasia by the Santa Lucias brought its own generosity. We left about 20% whole cluster, and after several days in stainless and bins, native fermentation got going, and we put a preliminary blend down to neutral barrel in October for a total élevage just shy of 1 year. We racked just once when final barrel selections were made late this summer, prior to bottling unfiltered.

Release Date: Fall 2014

Composition: Pinot Noir 100%

Appellation: Central Coast