

# Iris Vineyards 2014 Chalice Estate C Block Pinot Noir



**Tasting Notes:** Already drinking beautifully for so young a wine, this dark garnet Pinot offers aromas of Italian red plums, star anise and violets. The palate is rich with black cherry, cola nut, forest floor, and pie cherry on the finish.

**Growing Season:** The 2014 growing season at our Chalice Vineyard in the foothills of the Oregon Coastal Range started out early with near ideal conditions through bloom. Heading in to summer we began to experience warmer than normal days in the Eugene area with 36 summer days having daytime highs greater than 90°F. Harvest began a little early and we picked the C Block Pinot noir on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Weather was mostly dry through harvest. The grapes came to the winery in perfect condition with fully ripe flavor and well balanced sugar and acid.

**Case Production:** 168 Cases

**Cooperage:** 32% New Oak Barrels with Acacia Heads

**Final Analysis:** 14.8% alcohol; TA 5.5 g/L; pH 3.72

**Vineyard Source:** 100% Chalice Vineyard, C Block

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Located on the steepest slopes at the vineyard, the C Block (*pictured at bottom left*) represents some of the best Pinot Noir by Iris. We produce world-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at our Chalice Vineyard. The cool climate in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range allows the grapes to mature slowly while maintaining the proper acid balance that is essential for producing the finest Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay.



*Willamette Valley Appellation*

