



Mansfield-Dunne

Winter 2017 Newsletter

Phase 2 and 3 planting

Happy New Year From Mansfield-Dunne

It's hard to believe it has been more than 14 months since our last newsletter but they have been busy. Phase 3 plantings in the new upper vineyard, bottling of our first chardonnay, first small harvest from the new upper vineyard, and expanded distribution. Best of all for this long suffering fan, the Cubs won the World Series!! And finally time to release our 2014 pinot noirs.

We made significant progress this year in the development of our upper (as yet unnamed) vineyard. This year we completed the Phase 3 planting of an additional 9 acres of pinot noir vines and ground prep for the Phase 4 planting set for 2017. We were excited to (finally) harvest our first limited amount of fruit from the Phase 1 vines, planted in 2014, and look forward to including a new upper vineyard pinot noir and chardonnay in the 2016 lineup.

The 2015 wines have been bottled and will be released later this year. As we reported in the last newsletter we will be able to offer you a small amount of 2015 Peterson Vineyard chardonnay in the 2015 lineup. We share the chardonnay fruit from this 1.05 acre block with August West, which also produced a 2015 Peterson Vineyard chardonnay. While only 25 or so cases were produced by each of us in the 2015 vintage, we produced roughly 75 cases each in the 2016 vintage and expect to reach 100 or so cases each per year in the future.

We will be participating in several tasting events this year:

- March 3-4, 2017
World of Pinot Noir Santa Barbara
- May 20, 2017
Santa Lucia Highlands Gala
- June 17, 2017
Pinot Days San Francisco
- November 3-4, 2017
Big Sur Food & Wine Festival



Close up of dormant vines



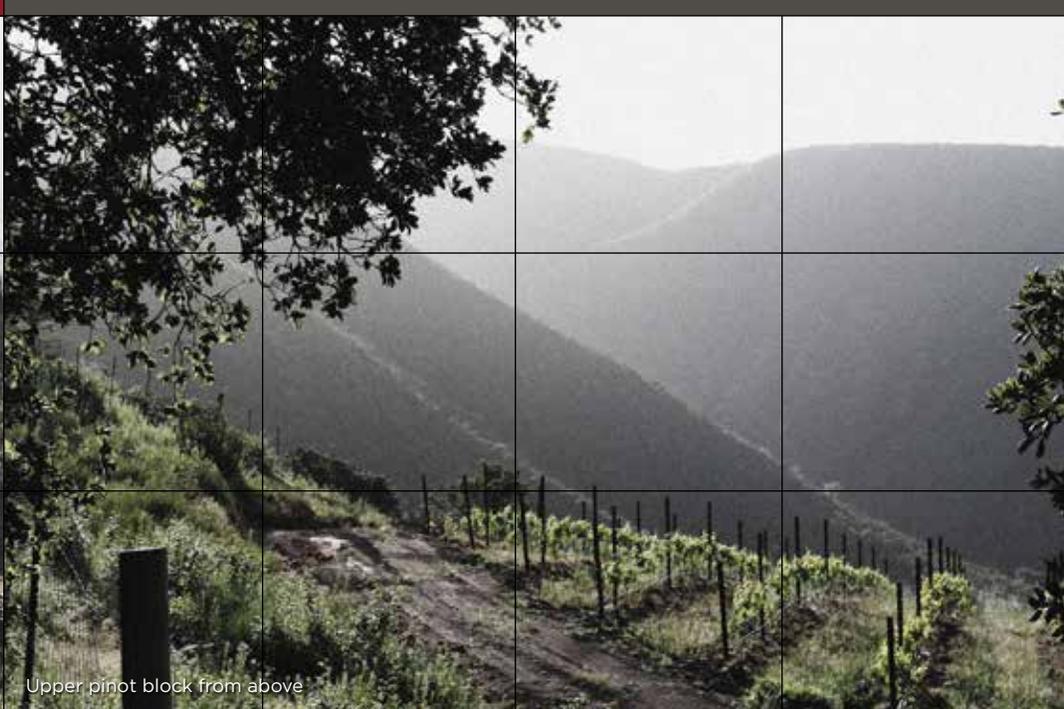
Ruben and Mario unloading dormant vines



Crew planting Phase 3 vines



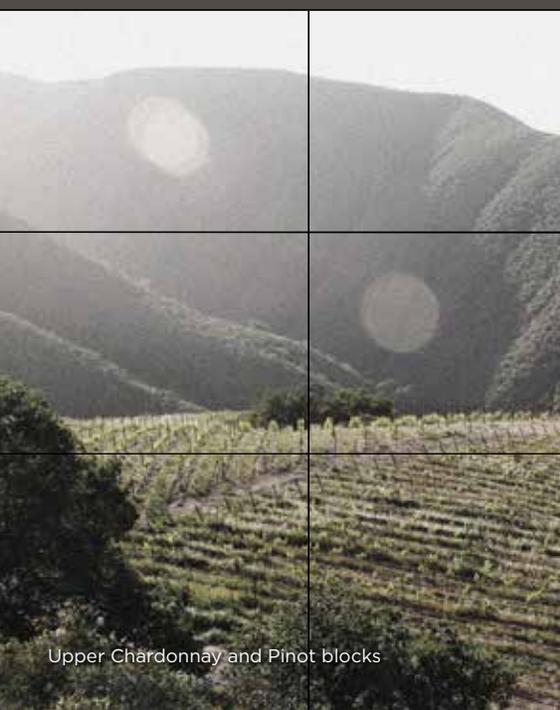
Vignier block



Upper pinot block from above



View from upper chardonnay block



Upper Chardonnay and Pinot blocks

In the vineyard 2016 was a fairly “normal”. We had decent winter rainfall for the first time in several years and the classic summer weather pattern of foggy nights and mornings, with mild, sunny and windy afternoons. There were several brief heat spikes during the growing season, but nothing too severe, just enough to ripen the fruit without any dehydration or sun damage.

The 2016 Peterson Vineyard pinot noirs are very similar to the ripe and concentrated 2015s. The new upper vineyard gave us its first small crop, and the results are very promising. The wines are much darker in color, higher in tannin, and more shy with their aromas than the 2016s from the Peterson Vineyard. They will need plenty of time in the bottle before they reach their peak.

We are pleased to report that we have added distribution in Nevada, Hawaii, and Southern California in 2016 and hope to add at least Illinois and Florida in early 2017.

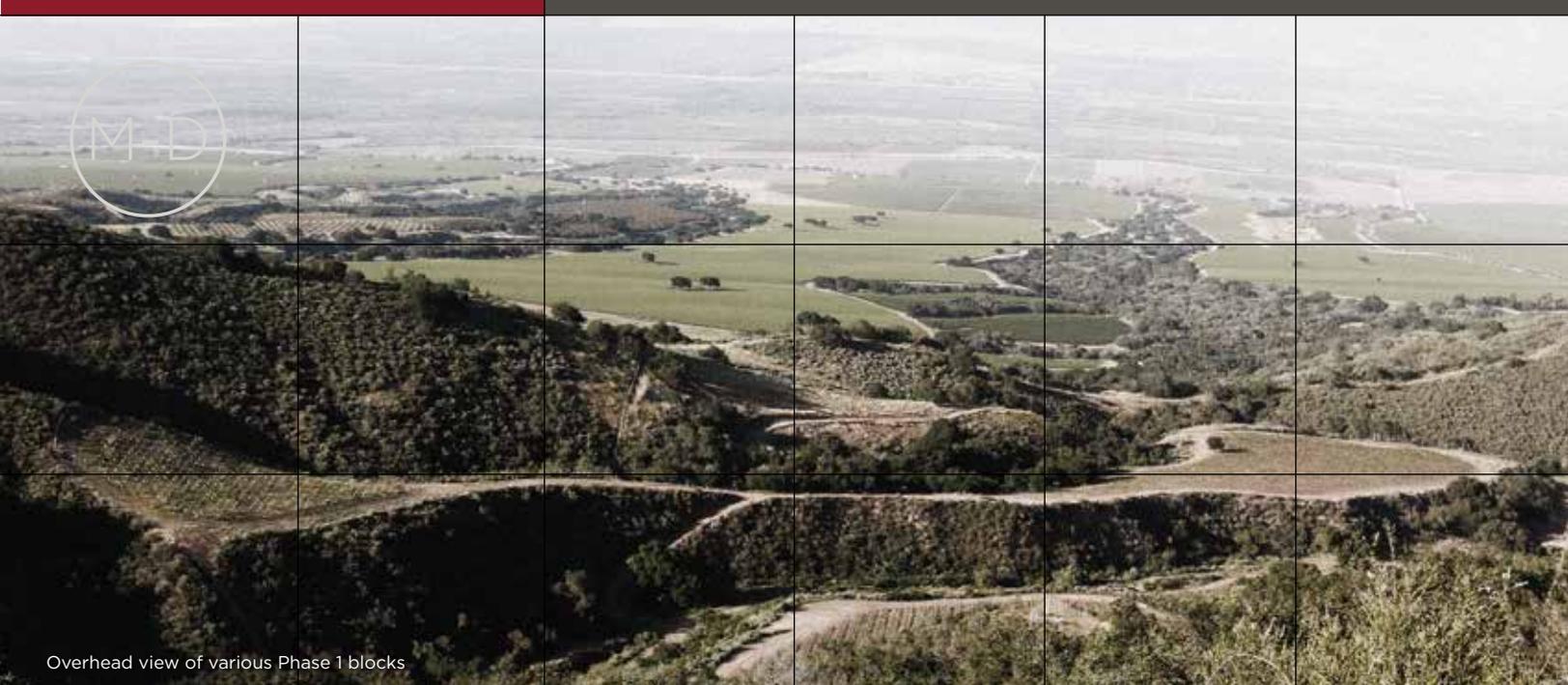
Recent news on the scoring front!

94 points for 2014 Peterson Vineyard Pinot Noir
-Wine Enthusiast , February, 2017

91 points for 2014 Peterson Vineyard Pinot Noir
- Vinous (Antonio Galloni), October, 2016

91 points for 2014 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
- Wine Enthusiast , February, 2017

90 points for 2014 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir
- PinotFile, September, 2016



Overhead view of various Phase 1 blocks

Release Of The 2014 Pinot Noirs

We are very pleased to finally release our 2014 pinot noirs. Once again we have produced both a Peterson Vineyard designate pinot and a lower price point Santa Lucia Highlands (SLH) appellation wine. We also produced a limited number of magnums of the Peterson Vineyard pinot. Due to our very low yields in 2014, quantities are much more limited than in the past, with only 185 and 148 cases produced of the Peterson Vineyard and SLH, respectively

The 2014 Peterson Vineyard Pinot Noir once again contains a mix of all 5 clones in the vineyard (828, Pommard 05, 667, 777, and 115). The nose is a combination of clove, toast, wood strawberries, cinnamon, and wild mushrooms. With a palate weight similar to the 2012 Peterson, this 2014 delivers a dense core of ripe and spicy fruit that is framed by moderate acidity and firm tannin. There's a nice flavor of French oak on the long finish. This wine is starting to open up now and should be enjoyable through at least 2022.

The 2014 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir once again contains all of the clones in the vineyard except the 828. The wine has a youthful, grapey nose, with notes of vanilla, macerated Bing cherries, and baking spices. The palate is full-bodied and the ripe and the berry fruit has a mouth filling texture. There is a medium dose of acidity that carries through the soft but long finish. This wine is very approachable now, and should drink well through at least 2020.

Hope you get the opportunity to enjoy these wines,
John and Lynn Peterson

2014 Mansfield-Dunne Peterson Vineyard Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATE:

9/17/14—9/23/14

AGING:

15 months in French oak barrels,
50% new

BOTTLING DATE:

12/29/15

RELEASE DATE:

2/1/17

PRODUCTION:

170 cases 750ml

15 cases 1.5L

2014 Mansfield-Dunne Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir

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148 cases 750ml

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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