



# Mansfield-Dunne

Fall 2014 Newsletter

New lower block plantings.

## New Year's Greetings from Mansfield-Dunne

This Fall Newsletter is once again more like a Holiday newsletter in view of the late timing, but we thought it better late than never to update you as to goings on at Mansfield-Dunne.

2014 was a good news/bad news year in the vineyard. The good news is that the quality of the fruit was probably the best we have experienced to date. The 2014 harvest was characterized by both perfect spring, summer and fall weather and the third year of the drought. The very low crop produced the most concentration and ripeness we've seen in the vineyard since its inception. The bad news is that yields were less than half of 2012 and 2013 levels. Consequently, our total production of the 2014 pinots will be only 325 cases or so. The 2014 is now resting comfortably in barrel at the winery.

As reported in the Spring Newsletter, we completed the Phase 1 planting of pinot noir and chardonnay grapes in June at our new upper vineyard. This exciting property is at higher elevation of 1100-1300 feet and will give us the opportunity to work with a different microclimate within the SLH appellation. The uppermost block (at over 1,550 feet) is the highest elevation planting in the appellation. You can look forward to a very limited quantity of pinot noir and chardonnay from the new vineyard, as well as our first chardonnay from the Peterson Vineyard, with the 2015 vintage.

### 2012 Mansfield-Dunne

Peterson Vineyard Pinot Noir

**HARVEST DATE:**

10/11/12 & 10/17/12

**AGING:**

11 months in French oak barrels,  
50% new

**BOTTLING DATE:**

8/27/13

**RELEASE DATE:**

5/15/14

**PRODUCTION:**

305 cases 750ml  
20 cases 1.5L

### 2012 Mansfield-Dunne

Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir

**HARVEST DATE:**

10/11/12 & 10/17/12

**AGING:**

11 months in French oak barrels,  
35% new

**BOTTLING DATE:**

8/27/13

**RELEASE DATE:**

5/15/14

**PRODUCTION:**

285 cases 750ml



John and Ed in the winery before the open house.





Guests enjoying the Open House.



John surveying the upper block plantings.



Moving on to the winery, in October we bottled 690 cases of the 2013s, which are now resting comfortably in the bottle. We expect to release the 2013s either in May or October of this year, depending on how the wine develops in the bottle.

On December 7 Mansfield-Dunne, August West, and Sandler hosted our first ever joint Open House at the winery facility we share in San Francisco. Over 100 people attended and were treated to tastings of 14 current and library releases. Our winemaker, Ed Kurtzman, is also the winemaker for August West and Sandler. We plan to open a joint tasting room at the winery for all three labels some time in 2015 and hope you will be able to stop by. In the meantime, if you are in town, feel free to contact us for a possible private appointment. We plan to hold another open house in the Spring and will let you know the details when available.



Guests enjoying the Open House.

**Recent news on the scoring front—the word is spreading!**

**93 points for the Peterson Vineyard Pinot Noir**

*- Pinot Report, 12/15/14*

**91 points for the Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir**

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*- Wine Enthusiast, December 2014*





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2014 wines resting in barrel.

Bottles ready to go for the party.

Open house setup at the new winery.

## Release of 2012 Magnums

We are pleased to announce the release of our 2012 Peterson Vineyard magnums, our first ever. We bottled only 120 magnums so the supply is limited. Each of you has an allocation of 3 magnums with the ability to request more, quantities permitting. The magnums were bottled in May, 2014, so they had 19 months in barrel and have now been in the bottle almost 8 months.

Finally, as we open the new year, we are already planning our schedule of tasting events for 2015. While this schedule is not yet complete, the events planned so far are listed along the border of this newsletter.

Here's wishing all of you a Happy 2015,

*John and Lynn Peterson*

We will be participating in several tasting events this year:

January 18, 2015  
Pinot Days New York

March 7, 2015  
World of Pinot Noir Santa Barbara

March 21, 2015  
Pinot Days Chicago

May 16, 2015  
Santa Lucia Highlands Gala

November 6-7, 2015  
Big Sur Food & Wine Festival

### WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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