## Quail Hill Vineyard

Originally planted in 1974, Quail Hill Vineyard has some of the oldest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines planted in the Russian River Valley. Retaining select heritage blocks for their highly valued balance and fruit quality, a phased replanting of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay clones began in 1996. Working tirelessly to define, refine and analyze decades of experience and information about the terroir of the ranch, the owners replanted 71% of the vineyard by 2005. Today, the vineyard contains 14 clones of Pinot Noir and two clones of Chardonnay.



## Vineyard Block Notes

#### Adam's Block

Pinot Noir Acres: 0.15 Vines: 231 Clone: Swan Rootstock: 3309 Planted: 2004

Even though Adam now has a namesake vineyard with over 14,000 vines, let us never forget that his viticultural experience started with this 231-vine block that also carries his name. This Swan Selection block gets its own special treatment at harvest and is 100% dry farmed.

BLOCK 1
Pinot Noir
Acres: 2.97
Vines: 4,627
Clone: Swan, Calera
Rootstock: 3309
Planted: 2004
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Block 1 gets early morning

One of the highest points at Quail Hill Vineyard,
Block 1 gets early morning sun and good air movement.
The eastern slope and aspect protects the vines from the westerly winds but allows for good air circulation.

#### BLOCK 2

Pinot Noir Acres: 1.94 Vines: 880 Clone: Swan Rootstock: St. George Planted: 1974 With large root systems established over almost 40 years, Block 2 with a southeast slope aspect is less reliant on supplemental irrigation. These old vines on St. George rootstock consistently produce exquisitely balanced wine. This block is the source of the Old Vine cuvée.

#### <u>Block 3</u>

Pinot Noir
Acres: 2.97
Vines: 4,283
Clone: 2A, Pommard 04,
Beba, 777
Rootstock: 3309
Planted: 2004-5
Block 3 is on a southeast

slock 3 is on a southeast slope. It receives good early morning light. Soil changes in the middle of the slope mean that the irrigation has to be separated to supplement the dryer soils at the top. This allows for greater balance in canopy management.

## SUMMIT Pinot Noir Acres: 1.74

Acres: 1.74 Vines: 3,158 Clone: Calera Rootstock: 3309 Planted: 2004

The Summit block is on a north facing slope with deep red soils that have evolved over millions of years. These nutrient poor soils which create a struggle for the vines are perfectly matched with the Calera clone and are the source of the deep and rich cuvée appropriately named Summit.

#### BLOCK 5

Pinot Noir
Acres: 1.21
Vines: 2,196
Clone: Calera
Rootstock: 420A
Planted: 2005

Block 5, at the base of the summit, has deeper, richer soils that have been planted with vigor restricting 420A rootstock to maintain even growth and ripening.

#### Block 6

Pinot Noir
Acres: 1.72
Vines: 1,560
Clone: Pommard,
115, 114
Rootstock: 101-14,
RG, 3309
Planted: 1996

Block 6 is one of our most extreme east facing slopes. These soils are shallow and rocky and had to be planted using a pickax to open the holes. The struggles of the vines produce small clusters with intense flavors.

#### Block 7

Pinot Noir
Acres: 1.40
Vines: 2,541
Clone: Mt. Eden
Rootstock: 3309
Planted: 2005

This hillside has been terraced and planted with Mt. Eden clones. The young vines have been slow to adapt to the nutrient poor soil, but the struggle will certainly be worth the wait.

#### Вьоск 8

Chardonnay Acres: 2.29 Vines: 1,039 Clone: Rued

Rootstock: St. George

Planted: 1974
Another of our heritage blocks, the mature root system is well established. The west facing slope has proven to be conducive to flavorful Chardonnay. the fruitfulness must often be managed and held back in order to retain the fully ripe flavors we desire. Typically this means no more than one cluster per shoot.

#### Вьоск 9

Pinot Noir
Acres: 4.28
Vines: 7,565
Clone: QHV, ASW1,
ASW2, ASW3,
Pom4, 2A
Rootstock: 3309, 101-14
Planted: 2005
Block 9 tends to be the last

Block 9 tends to be the last pruned among the Pinot Noir blocks. It tends to have early bud-break and flowering is often at risk for spring rain events which can impair the ability to set fruit.

#### Block 10

Pinot Noir Acres: 4.30 Vines: 6,326 Clone: 667, 777 Rootstock: 101-14

Planted: 1996

This is the most easterly facing slope due to a combination of hillside aspect and proximity to the eastern side of this vineyard, which overlooks the Laguna de Santa Rosa. This block provides a highly prized vista and an exquisitely balanced cuvée, Block 10.

## BLOCK 11 Chardonnay

Acres: 3.86
Vines: 6,861
Clone: Old Wente
Rootstock: 3309
Planted: 2006
The Old Wente clone
of Chardonnay, planted in
2006 is now entering its fully
productive state. Slightly richer
soils provide a strongly desired
balance for a tightly spaced
vineyard with more than
1,800 vines per acre.

#### Block 12

Pinot Noir Acres: 2.09 Vines: 1,897 Clone: Swan Rootstock: 101-14 Planted: 1997

This southeast facing block annually produces very healthy canopy growth with very little irrigation dependence. The growth is beautifully balanced and stops on all the right cues, making it a very pleasant block to farm.

#### BLOCK 13 Chardonnay

Acres: 1.31

Vines: 1,783
Clone: Old Wente
Rootstock: 3309
Planted: 2006
Sparse rocky soils create
a challenge for this young
Old Wente Chardonnay block.
Loose clusters with just a few

exciting block to watch.

small grapes make this an

#### <u>Block 14TR</u>

Chardonnay Acres: 3.00 Vines: 1,362 Clone: Rued Rootstock: AXRI Planted: 1986

Completely dry farmed, this block of 30-year-old vines, trained in a split canopy with four cordons per vine, has two separate rows of fruit per vine, north side and south side.

These are each picked separately, usually 4 to 5 days apart to capture optimum ripeness.

#### Block 14E

Pinot Noir Acres: 1.73 Vines: 3,142 Clone: Mt. Eden Rootstock: 420A

Planted: 2017

Our acquired wisdom has resolved that the red soils along the ridges at QHV provide the absolute best expression of each individual selection of Pinot Noir. To balance our Lynn's Blend we desired more Mt. Eden, and hand selected this block for its premium soils, drainage and exposure.

#### Block I4W

Pinot Noir
Acres: 1.24
Vines: 2,480
Clone: Quail Hill Select
Rootstock: 1616c
Planted: 2015

Planted to the Quail Hill

Select clone, a proprietary selection of Pinot Noir that came from an experimental planting of three field selections. The best performing of the three (rumored to have originated from LaRomanée) were then cut and propagated and have since become a cornerstone selection.

#### <u>Bliss</u>

Pinot Noir Upper Lower Acres: 1.00 2.20 Vines: 1,089 4,566 Clone: Mix 943 Rootstock: Mix 1616c '00, '05 '15 Planted:

943 in 2015, Bliss will now see at least 3 picks during each harvest. Picking small individual lots is one of the most

With the addition of Pinot Noir

lots is one of the most distinguishing advantages that we realize by controlling our own farming, beginning to end.

#### Block 16

Chardonnay Acres: 0.84 Vines: 915 Clone: Calera Planted: 2000

The medium sized clusters of the Calera Chardonnay Clone are dense and thick skinned. Block 16 neighbors our Block 11 Old Wente clone Chardonnay located in the

Chardonnay located in the lower portion of our ranch, which has a proven track record as an ideal spot for Chardonnay.

#### Laguna

Pinot Noir Acres: 2.38 Vines: 1,524 Clone: Dijon Rootstock: RG Planted: 1996

This organic vineyard is a field mix of Dijon selections that is harvested in two distinct zones. The lower, cooler section of this vineyard is often a large contributor to our Rosé program. The upper section, next to the tasting room, is regularly a stand out of its own rights and merits.

# Susanna's Vineyard



### Vineyard Block Notes

<u>Block I</u>	<u>Block 4</u>	Block 7	<u>Block 10</u>	<u>Block 13</u>
Pinot Noir	Pinot Noir	Chardonnay	Chardonnay	Pinot Noir
Acres: 1.59	Acres: 1.47	Acres: 1.40	Acres: 1.65	Acres: 1.79
Vines: 2,894	Vines: 2,673	Vines: 2,544	Vines: 2,998	Vines: 3,242
Clone: 97 Swan	Clone: Dehlinger Swan	Clone: Old Wente	Clone: Old Wente	Clone: Calera "Hyde"
Rootstock: 101-14	Rootstock: 101-14	Rootstock: 3309	Rootstock: 101-14	Rootstock: 101-14
Planted: 2006	Planted: 2006	Planted: 2006	Planted: 2007	Planted: 2006
<u>Block 2</u>	<u>Block 5</u>	<u>Block 8</u>	Block II	
Pinot Noir	Pinot Noir	Chardonnay	Chardonnay	
Acres: 1.47	Acres: 1.01	Acres: 2.21	Acres: 1.35	
Vines: 2,672	Vines: 1,833	Vines: 4,006	Vines: 2,465	
Clone: Calera	Clone: Quail Hill Vineyard	Clone: Old Wente	Clone: Old Wente	
Rootstock: 101-14	Swan	Rootstock: 420A	Rootstock: 101-14	
Planted: <b>2006</b>	Rootstock: 101-14 Planted: 2006	Planted: 2007	Planted: 2007	
<u>Block 3</u>	Progrado	<u>Block 9</u>	<u>Block 12</u>	
Pinot Noir	<u>Block 6</u>	Chardonnay	Pinot Noir	
Acres: 1.41	Chardonnay	Acres: 1.09	Acres: 0.98	
Vines: 2,554	Acres: 1.92	Vines: 1,987	Vines: 1,833	
Clone: Quail Hill Select	Vines: 3,494	Clone: Old Wente	Clone: Mt. Eden	
Rootstock: 3309	Clone: Mt. Eden	Rootstock: 420A	Rootstock: 3309	
Planted: <b>2006</b>	Chardonnay, Old Wente	Planted: <b>200</b> 7	Planted: <b>2006</b>	

## CLIMATE & TOPOGRAPHY

Rootstock: 101-14, 3309 Planted: 2006

Susanna's slope aspect rolls gently from back to front, facing almost completely due east. As the early morning fog breaks, the sun bathes the vineyard in a warming embrace. The afternoon heat is balanced by longer shadows, caused by the slope and by the cooling effect of the west winds, as they pour in across the Sebastopol Hills, two hours earlier than they do at Quail Hill Vineyard.

### OWL BOXES

Owl boxes have been installed at a ratio of one for every two acres. This high density allows for owls, who don't typically hunt directly beneath their own home, to cover the entire vineyard by overlapping territories and hunting under each other's boxes. Gopher mounds, which earlier pock-marked this entire property, have become a rare sight as the Barn Owls' favorite staple. This has allowed us to permanently cover crop the vineyard, wall to wall, with native California bunch grasses.

## Comparing our Vineyards

Quail Hill Vineyard	Susanna's Vineyard	Adam's Vineyard
Sebastopol Sandy Loam	Goldridge Sandy Loam	Goldridge Sandy Loam
Avg. growing season high ${\sim}78^{\rm o}~{\rm F}$	~73° F	~83° F
44 acres	20 acres	7.14 acres
1pm arrival south-westerly	11am arrival westerly	2pm south-westerly
7x5 ft. average	6x4 ft. 100%	2m x 1m 100%
~50,000	~35,000	~15,000
Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast	Russian River Valley, Green Valley of Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast	Russian River Valley
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## Adam's Vineyard



## Vineyard Block Notes

Block 1

Old Wente Chardonnay

Acres: 1.39 Vines: 2,811 Rootstock: 3309 Planted: 2013

This is the lowest portion of the entire vineyard where the cooler air channels off to the north in the mornings. The slightly longer period of cool temperatures and slightly more friable soil makes it ideal for Chardonnay.

Block 2

Mt. Eden Pinot Noir

Acres: 1.36 Vines: 2,869 Rootstock: 3309 Planted: 2013

This northwestern corner of the vineyard sits on the crest of the rolling terrain in the back of the vineyard where the soils are thin and sandy. Here, the struggle is real as the vines work just a bit harder than the rest of the vineyard, making it well suited for a small cluster, tiny berry selection

like Mt. Eden.

Вьоск З

Montrachet Selection Chardonnay Acres: 0.67

Vines: 1,381 Rootstock: 1616c Planted: 2013

Although not quite as deep in soil profile as Block 1, this is the loamiest section of the vineyard. With a selection like Montrachet

we wanted to be very careful in limiting

the vigor so we used a very shallow rooting rootstock to help balance the northern aspect and the soil fertility.

Block 4

Calera Selection Pinot Noir

Acres: 2.58 Vines: 5,331

Rootstock: 420A Planted: 2013

The highest point in elevation is the top of the knoll in this block. Here the thin, nutrient-poor, Goldridge soil sits atop a shallow compacted sandstone bench, seafloor really, only a few million years old. We chose 420A rootstock as an informed, and wise, pairing for another of our absolute favorite small cluster selections.

Block 5

Dijon 667 Pinot Noir

Acres: 1.13 Vines: 2.321

Rootstock: 420A Planted: 2013

With the most southern-oriented aspect this block heats up quickly in the late morning and cools off a little more slowly. The soils are similar to Block 4, making 420A the perfect selection for roots. That combination of soil and aspect made a fruit-forward selection like 667 an easy decision. We are definitely not regretting it.

## CLIMATE & TOPOGRAPHY

Just under 13 miles from the ocean, Adam's Vineyard is positioned to benefit from the long coastal summer days for optimal hang time, flavor development, acid retention, and perfectly even ripening. The annual rainfall at Adam's Vineyard, even in drought years, is just enough to fill the shallow sandy loam soil and allow us to dry farm the vineyard.

### Soils

Adam's Vineyard sits on top of a ridge with 100% Goldridge sandy loam soils. Goldridge soils must have evolved specifically for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The top soil is just deep enough for healthy root development, balanced canopy growth, flowering and berry development—all without supplemental irrigation.

## COMPARING OUR VINEYARDS

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