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Single Vineyard Wines

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Wine Reviews

2014 ELTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

WINE ENTHUSIAST

Cellar Selecton.

From 30-year-old vines, this is beautifully built and already showing the complexity that predicts a long life ahead. The old-vine grapes create a skeleton of mineral and acid upon which just-ripe fruit flavors of mulberry, plum and blueberry are placed. Drink now with pleasure, or put a few bottles away to enjoy through 2027 or longer. *-PG.*

93
Points



Deep red. Deep-pitched red and dark berry aromas are complicated by suggestions of smoky minerals, incense and lavender, and a subtle hint of Indian spices emerges with air. Juicy and deeply concentrated yet lithe, offering sweet black raspberry, cherry cola and floral pastille flavors and a refreshing jolt of peppery spices. The strikingly long, focused finish features resonating florality and supple tannins that fold effortlessly into the clinging, sappy fruit.

94
Points

Wine Spectator

Lithe and focused, this sleek style emphasizes red cherry and cinnamon flavors on a polished frame, picking up floral notes as the finish lingers gently. Drink now through 2022. 234 cases made. *-HS*

90
Points



The 2014 Elton Vineyard Pinot Noir comes from volcanic Jory soils and was picked on 25 September. It has an attractive nose, earthier than Lavinea's other single vineyard releases, with notes of leather and undergrowth infusing a red berry fruit. There is something almost animal-like here. The palate is medium-bodied with soft tannin, clean and smooth red cherry and strawberry fruit with touches of cassis. It feels harmonious in the mouth with just a little heat showing through on the finish. Other than this, it is a perfectly respectable Pinot Noir that should drink well for 7-10 years, although despite its price, it was not my favorite from Lavinea's debut vintage.

89
Points
