



Lilo Vineyard, Santa Cruz Mountains and Monterey Bay.

2011 LILO PINOT NOIR

The Lilo Vineyard, on a south-facing hillside in the Santa Cruz Mountains, is a startlingly magical spot. Its incline describes a steep gradient rising 200' from the bottom to the top of its 4.5 acres. The severity of the slope- and the dynamic tension one feels there- contrasted against the serene beauty of Monterey Bay laid bare below, suggest a compelling template for the wine itself.

Happily, no application of the Dark Arts- winemaking or otherwise- was required in pursuit of these aims. Any alchemy performed is through the terrestrial agency of sandstone, schist, and shale. We have nonetheless chosen to grace our label with a 16th century woodcut of a surfing sorcerer before a strikingly familiar coastline that eerily conjures up our own, and pays tribute to Alex's outspoken ancestor, Susanna North Martin, accused of witchcraft and executed in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692. Hang ten! After 15mo in older Taransaud barrels, we bottled unfiltered in early 2013. TA: 6.4g/l, pH 3.44, Alc. 12.5%

-Alex and John

Release Date: Spring 2013

Composition: Pinot Noir
100%

Appellation: Santa Cruz
Mountains

Case Production: 46cs

Press:

Wine Enthusiast

90 Points, Aug 2013