

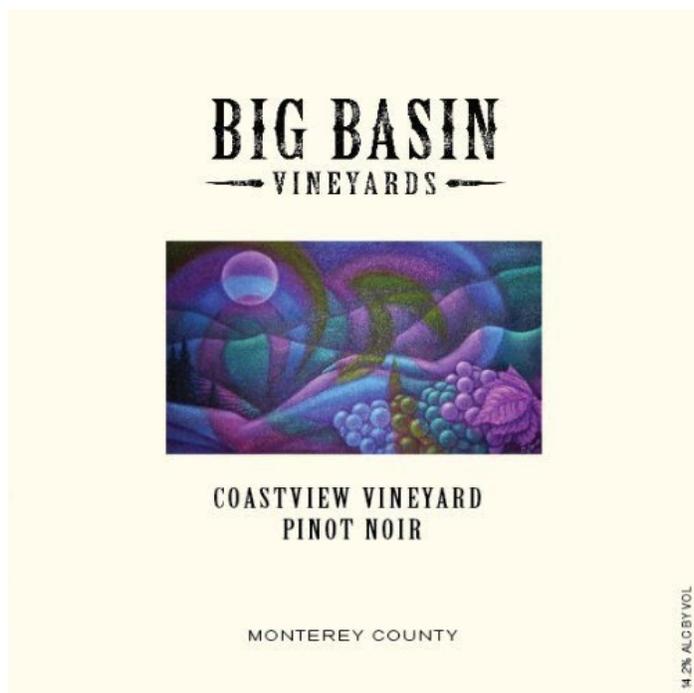
BIG BASIN

VINEYARDS

PROFILE

The mission at Big Basin is to create wines that show their Santa Cruz Mountains roots. With cool-climate, ocean-influenced, mountain vineyards throughout the AVA, owner and winemaker Bradley Brown strives to showcase location and terroir, forgoing manipulation and intervention whenever possible. The steep hillsides, cooling ocean breezes, fog, and mountain soils of their vineyard locations promote the development of deep color and complex flavors. By keeping the yields very low and harvesting small sections of the vineyard at perfect ripeness, Big Basin strives to achieve the most important part of winemaking – great fruit. The winemaking then becomes the art of gently extracting what the fruit has to offer, utilizing a minimalist approach in the cellar, with hand sorting, gentle pressing, the use of ambient yeasts, and indigenous malolactic fermentation.

Located six miles south of Calera's Mount Harlan AVA, the Coastview Vineyard is perched at 2,200-2,400 ft looking over the Salinas Valley, Santa Lucia Highlands and Monterey Bay. In 2008, they took cuttings of various Dijon-clones from the Alfaró Vineyard including 113, 114, 115, 667 and 777, plus some Pisoni selection and established them on a one+ acre block. Since that time, John has budded over additional blocks to Pisoni and Swan selections of Pinot Noir.



SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: Monterey County Pinot Noir
"Coastview Vineyard"

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir, Dijon clones 113, 114, 115, 667 & 777, Pisoni selection

Appellation: Monterey County AVA

Vineyard Location: Coastview Vineyard, 1+ acre block

Exposure: North

Altitude: 2400 feet

Soil: Granitic and calcareous

Vineyard Age: 15 years

Agricultural Method: Sustainable

Harvest: Manual

Vinification: Whole berry, 30% stem inclusion, cold soak, hand punched, fermentation utilizing indigenous yeast. Aged 15 months in French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in January, 2014.

Alcohol: 13.6%

Production: 240 cases

“Big Basin’s mission is to handcraft wines revealing the complex nuances of the ocean-influenced mountain vineyards that inspire them.”



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