



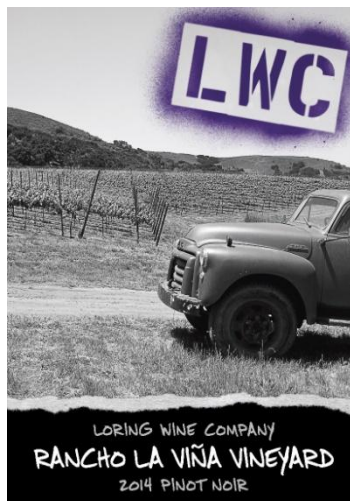
Loring Wine Company

2014 Rancho La Viña Vineyard

Pinot Noir

Wine Details

AVA	Sta. Rita Hills
Clones	115, 667, 777, 2A
Alcohol	14.3 %
pH	3.68
Barrel Program	Aged 10 Months in French Oak (20% New)
Cases Produced	200



Rancho La Viña Vineyard is located in the southern valley of the Sta. Rita Hills. It sits on a perfectly situated bench high above the valley floor. As it's exposed to lots of wind, the clusters are very small with tiny berries, which leads to very supple and concentrated wine.

Reviews

Steve Heimoff

94 Points

Despite some intense raspberry and persimmon flavors, there's a cut of Heirloom tomato, wild mushroom and leather, giving the wine an animal and earthy herbaceousness that is by no means unpleasant. There's also a firm electric wire of acidity that brightens and heightens the flavors. With a jacket of smoky oak and firm but ultra-refined tannins, it's a silky, beautifully complex wine for drinking now, and should develop bottle complexity over the next six years.

Matt Kettmann (Wine Enthusiast)

93 Points

Graphite, rose petals, vanilla and a strong yet not over-exuberant black cherry quality pump up the nose of this decadent bottling by Brian Loring. There's great tactile texture once sipped, with chalky tannins unveiling ripe cranberry, red cherry, clay, cinnamon and baking-spice elements.

Connoisseurs' Guide

92 Points

Mr. Loring has never been one to shy away from ripeness, and, while this Pinot is ripe, it never once tilts to excess and is a deep, impressively concentrated, wonderfully complete wine that is rife with emphatic, very pure, cherry-like fruit. Its well-integrated elements of creamy oak provide an extra measure of richness while a mildly mineral note lends a turn of complexity, and, although showy right now, it has the kind of stamina and fruity persistence to age famously.

Jim Laube (Wine Spectator)

91 Points

Offers a mix of ripe, zesty, dusty wild berry, spice and savory herb notes that are compelling, ending with grippy tannins and good length.

Doug Wilder - Purely Domestic Wine Report

91 Points

A nose of lithe red fruit, licorice, and berry touched with graphite and smoke. The palate is full on entry with a well-developed core of lush violet-imbued fruit on the finish.