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HELLO FRIENDS AND HAPPY SUMMER 2014!

The time has come for another A.P.VIN release letter! I know, the excitement has been building for quite some time now ;). This year's letter is more of a retrospective piece so pour a glass of fine CA pinot noir and spend a moment reflecting with me.

When I made my first vintage 12 years ago, it came from a place of passion. Wine was more than just a tasty beverage, it was a personal calling and I strove to make the style of wine I had fallen in love with and share it with the world. What I never expected is that so many of you would share so much with me...and I'm not talking about wine! The personal stories and treasures I've received over the years have been numerous and varied. Both my home and winery are adorned with personal pictures, bottles of wine, BBQ sauce, medallions, artwork, baby pictures, wine bottle pictures and even fossils that so many of you have sent or given to me. Usually these treasures come with a special note or personal story that share a life experience whether it be a birthday, Thanksgiving, anniversary or other magical moment where a bottle of A.P.VIN was consumed. I can tell you I am TRULY honored to hear you have enjoyed the wine and perhaps that it enhanced an already fantastic experience. While my passion for making wine is still very strong, it is these stories that really brighten my day so Thank You for making my hard work worthwhile!

My wife, Brenda, and I are preparing to share in our own big life experience as we're expecting a baby girl just in time for harvest – perfect timing! It's going to be pure mayhem so wish me luck! ;) Assuming I am not knee deep in fruit, on the day of her birth I can tell you we will likely open something special and I hope to reciprocate by sharing my experience with the lucky producer, complete with a baby picture of course!

Now on to the nitty gritty...2013 was a gift, only from nature this time, and marked the second year in a row of near ideal growing conditions. Yields were lower which resulted in natural concentration and berry clusters had lots of chicks and hens. Harvest was fast and furious and we picked almost all of our fruit in a short, two week time period. Thankfully we managed to squeeze all of the fermenters into the winery at once but it served as a true test of our organization skills. The payoff was really delicious wine and an invigorating daily punch-down-induced work-out! The 2013's are rich, balanced wines with great texture. They rival the 2012's but we feel they have better structure and a highly textured mid-palate...a perfect combination and the holy grail of pinot! I don't say this often but the 2013 wines are not to be missed! Stunning vintage! And this just in; we are very proud and honored that our 2012 Rosella's was recently featured in Wine Spectator as one of Jim Laube's top pinot picks!!! As a reminder, we have cut back on distribution so ordering directly from us will ensure the best selection of wines.

And finally...the details! I have established a maximum bottle allocation per member, viewable online, with an option to request additional bottles. After October 7th, I will be releasing additional bottles to those who request them so please get your order in early to ensure you get your full allocation. **Old News But Always Good News! All orders placed for a case (or more!) WILL NOT BE CHARGED FOR SHIPPING!** Orders under a case will be charged a flat shipping rate per bottle as shipping rates continue to escalate. I hope you'll appreciate that the price is still a very good deal. For CA, WA, OR, NV, ID, CO, WY, MT, NM shipping will be \$3.00 per bottle. For all other states, shipping will be \$4.00 per bottle.

How To Order

To view allocations, order wines and make additional bottle requests please visit www.apvin.com and click on the Acquire link located on the left side of the homepage to initiate the login process. Please login with your personal user id and password. You will be given the option to pay via credit card or check. Orders will be charged at the time of placement and will be shipped mid-November, weather permitting. Additional bottle requests will be charged separately and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Thank You again for your tremendous support of A.P.VIN. Enjoy!

Best,
Andrew

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TASTING NOTES

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2013 KEEFER RANCH VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR - 200 CASES PRODUCED

Clones P4, 2A, 777 and 23 - aged in a combination of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August 2014.

Tasting notes: Fruity and feminine with intense ripe berry, cherry flavors supported by lively acidity. Soft in texture and supported by subtle, sweet oak. Wild raspberry and a full bodied palate round it out. The last Keefer we'll make and we're going out in style!

2013 KANZLER VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR - 275 CASES PRODUCED

Clones 667 (20% whole cluster) and Pommard - aged in a combination of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August 2014.

Tasting notes: Plush, complex super-mid-palate with dark fruit, sweet cherries, mocha and a hint of minerality. Silky, concentrated texture and vivid favors plus a touch of sweet oak. Delish!

2013 RIDGETOP VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR - 150 CASES PRODUCED

Clones 777, 667 and 115 - aged in a combination of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August 2014.

Tasting notes: Ripe and juicy with full bodied bramble, plum, wild berry and Asian five spice notes. Framed by toasty oak, chewy tannin and raw savage round out this Sonoma Coast beauty.

2013 GARYS' VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR - 250 CASES PRODUCED

100% Pisoni Clone - aged in a combination of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August 2014.

Tasting notes: Layered and bright mid-palate exhibiting juicy raspberry, black cherry and loamy earth flavors. Toasty oak brulee (!) with a liquid-velvet texture that will keep you coming back for more!

2013 ROSELLA'S VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR - 350 CASES PRODUCED

777, Pisoni Clone and 115 - aged in a combination of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August 2014.

Tasting notes: Lush and mouthwatering mid-palate bursting with sweet fruit and subtle notes of spice. Deep wild berry, blackberry and plum flavors with structured oak and a long lasting, epic finish.

2013 RANCHO ONTIVEROS VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR - 50 CASES PRODUCED - LIMITED DISTRIBUTION

Clones 115, 114 and 113 - aged in a combination of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August 2014.

Tasting notes: Characterized by generous black raspberry, dust, mineral and spice. A backbone of oak adds structure to this big, smooth beauty. The most refined, and possibly the best, Ontiveros we've made yet!

2013 CLOS PEPE VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR - 150 CASES PRODUCED

Clone 115 - aged in a combination of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August 2014.

Tasting notes: Bright and vibrant, sweet gorgeous texture layered with black cherry, blueberry and earthy Christmas spice surrounded by big, bold fruit and focused oak. Supple and delicious with a long, lingering finish.

2013 TURNER VINEYARD, PINOT NOIR - 100 CASES PRODUCED - LIMITED DISTRIBUTION

(Organically Farmed) Clones 667, 777 (25% whole cluster) and 114 - aged in a combination of new and older French oak barrels for 11 months and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August 2014.

Tasting notes: Dense and focused dark-fruited blackberry, concentrated blueberry and spice with hints of pepper and sage. Rich and pleasingly powerful with a long lasting, persistent finish.