

Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Sonoma Coast Appellation

Owned by Steve MacRostie and Nancy and Tony Lilly. Vineyard Manager: Ned Hill 35-acre vineyard planted in 1998: 20 acres Pinot Noir, 15 acres Chardonnay and Syrah Clones: Pommard, Dijon 115, Dijon 77 First Talisman vintage: 2003

Situated high on the southern flank of the mountain range defining the western edge of Sonoma Valley, Wildcat Mountain Vineyard is an outlier in the Los Carneros appellation. The highest vineyard in the appellation at 600-750' above sea level, it sits on well-drained soils of volcanic origin, exposed to the full brunt of fog and cold airflow that streams off the upper reaches of San Pablo Bay.

Talisman sources from Scott's favorite three vineyard blocks, based on aspect, drainage and soil nuances. This is an ideal place to grow top-tier Pinot Noir grapes. Wines from this vineyard possess an amazingly graceful texture, restrained fruit and lovely minerality.