



Red Dog Vineyard

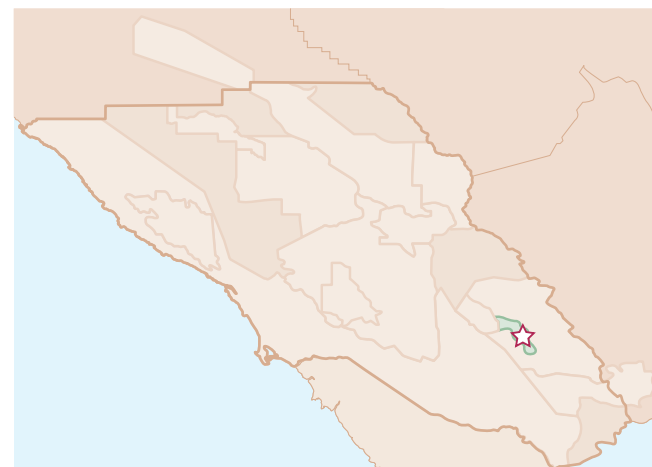
Sonoma Mountain Appellation

Owned by Debbie and Tom Engel

6 acres of Pinot Noir planted in 2000

Clones: Dijon II5, Dijon 777, Pommard

First Talisman vintage: 2004



Located high on the northwest flank of Sonoma Mountain, at 800 feet elevation and 17 miles inland, this panoramic mountainside site is the recipient of coastal fog and cool air flowing from the chilly Pacific Ocean through the Petaluma Gap and the venturi-inducing geography of Bennett Valley, slamming directly into the upper reaches of Sonoma Mountain. The soils are volcanic, low-vigor loamy clays. One block, located on a west-facing slope, is planted to the Pommard clone. On the east-facing slope, two adjacent blocks are planted to Dijon Clones, one to II5 and the other to 777.

One block of Red Dog vineyard, planted to Swan Clone goes to Ancien Winery; the only other “Red Dog Vineyard” Pinot Noir maker. Wines produced from this vineyard often sport a minerally, sassy, spicy character.