

## 2013 CLONE 667 PINOT NOIR - ESTATE VINEYARD

# VINEYARD

The Heart & Hands Estate vineyard is situated on the Onondaga Limestone Escarpment. Vinifera grapes flourish in the presence of calcareous limestone-based soils, which provide the vines with a solid foundation for growth. The vineyard is sustainably farmed without the use of any herbicides or insecticides. The vineyard is planted to seven Dijon clones of Pinot Noir, which are evenly distributed across the upper, middle and lower vineyard blocks.

## VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage began with a moderate winter, and was followed by a seasonal bud break and bloom. June brought significant rainfall, but happily, the summer months were hot with normal levels of precipitation for the region. The autumn weather was a winemaker's dream come true. A gorgeous, dry September delivered ample sunlight and warmth which fully ripened the Pinot Noir fruit, while cool nights preserved acidity. The 2013 vintage is the second release of Pinot Noir grown on our Estate vineyard. In this vintage, we crafted six different single clone Pinot Noirs from our estate fruit, and the Clone 667 Estate Pinot Noir is one of these selections.

#### WINEMAKING

The Estate Pinot Noir grapes were hand picked in multiple passes over the course of several weeks to allow each clone of Pinot Noir to be harvested at optimal ripeness. After carefully hand-sorting the grapes, the wine was whole-cluster fermented in one-ton bins. The grapes were gently basket pressed and transferred into French oak barrels for twenty two months of aging.

## ABOUT CLONE 667

Clone 667 was brougth to the United States in 1987. The original vine plant material was derived from the historic vineyards of Jean-Marie Ponsot's Clos de la Roche in the village of Morey-St. Denis. Clone 667 typically has medium sized, tight, compact grape clusters. It typically produces dark cherry, raspberry, and strawberry fruit aromatics and a solid, balanced structure with soft to medium tannins for good aging potential.

# HEART & HANDS

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ORIGIN Heart & Hands Estate Vineyard, Cayuga Lake

ELEVATION 430-500 feet above sea level

GEOLOGY Onondaga limestone

SOIL Cazenovia

CLONES 667(100%)

HARVESTED September 24th, 2013

TA 6.2 g/L

pH 3.61

ALCOHOL 12.8%

FERMENTATION 100% whole cluster

COOPERAGE Francois Freres French oak - No new oak

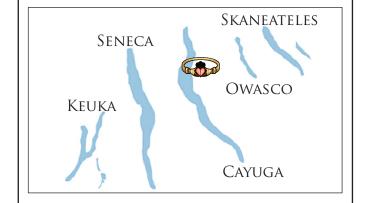
FINING Egg White Fined

FILTRATION Unfiltered

BOTTLED August 20th, 2015

PRODUCTION 23 cases

ABOUT US



Heart & Hands is owned and operated by husband and wife team Tom and Susan Higgins. Our winery and estate vineyard are located on the east side of Cayuga lake, directly on the Onondaga limestone escarpment.

We are a boutique winery, producing around 2,000 cases per year, which allows for an intense focus on quality. We are committed to producing cool-climate wines which express the terroir of the Finger Lakes.