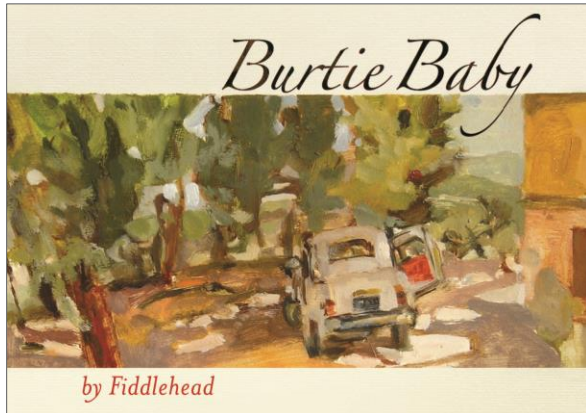


2013 Burtie Baby

Barrel Select
Fiddlestix Vineyard Pinot Noir
Sta. Rita Hills



KATHY'S CORNER

Wine steps up to its highest, most magical peak when you can capture a gratifying family connection; and Burtie Baby does just that! This one is about our Dads who help shape the heart and soul of our spirit. Mom's nickname for Dad is as charming as the wine, itself. And how fitting for my sister to capture in her painting our love of travel, a most worthy addition to the Fiddlehead collectable, artist series labels. A very special selection of just 9 barrels were hand-picked from the immaculately farmed 92 acres of Fiddlestix Vineyard Pinot noir. Burtie Baby is handsome in structure, rich in character and texture, and translates vine age at Fiddlestix into an impressive age-worthy package. It is a perfect complement to its sister wine, 'Lollapalooza', who has impressed us since 2000 with her corresponding feminine style.

With cheers to family, Kathy

- **The 2013 Vintage:** Following on the footsteps of the generous, near perfect weather of the 2012 harvest, 2013 presented us with similar conditions. Marked by a long, sunny growing season, picking for 'Burtie' took place September 2 -19, purposefully picking various blocks on their time.
- **The Estate Vineyard:** With its 34 unique blocks of Pinot noir planted in 1998, Fiddlestix Vineyard is located in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills on Santa Rosa Road. In our unique east-west running valley, fog hovers over our vines until mid-morning and then coastal breezes take over the direct cooling influence. Meticulously farmed with sustainability as the guiding force (SIP Certified), a practice that extends from the vineyard to the winery.
- **The Wine:** Expansive yet delicate, our 2013 'Burtie Baby' hints at brambly, dark mountain-berry fruit that reliably form the essential background notes in our flagship Pinots. Crushed herbs, hints of sweet basil, lavender, and sage compliment the hallmark black cherry character of Fiddlestix. Tinges of graphite, rose petals, and black raspberry nuances additionally grace this bottling.
- **Winemaking:** Following a 4-day cold soak to access the soft, gentle tannins that greatly contribute to mouthfeel, we ferment in small vats for continued balanced extraction. At dryness, rack directly to barrel for unhurried malolactic fermentation. Aged 15 months in 35% new French oak. Predominantly Clones 4 & 115, followed by 113, 777, & 667.
- pH = 3.44, Acid = 6.38 g/L, Alc = 13.7%
- **Production:** 221 cases

