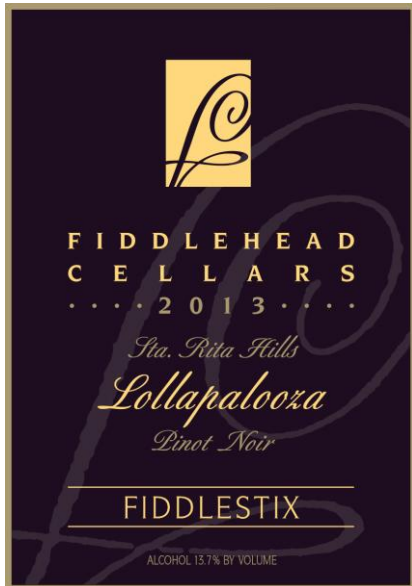


FIDDLEHEAD

CELLARS

2013 LOLLAPALOOZA

FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD PINOT NOIR
STA. RITA HILLS



VALLEY FOG KISSES
FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD BLOSSOMS
LOLLAPALOOZA

KATHY'S CORNER

From an Old English expression meaning "one that is extraordinarily impressive," this wine earns its name 'Lollapalooza' in that it represents only the most outstanding Pinot noir barrels of our acclaimed Fiddlestix Vineyard. As the haiku on the back label suggests, the cool climate and fog-laden position of Fiddlestix in the Sta. Rita Hills sets the stage for this astounding selection. Through countless tastings and exhaustive discussion, my winemaking team and I strive to make a wine that is both striking in its flavors and elegant in its approach. Silky smooth and full of passion, this bottle represents a harvest of early mornings, sustainable farming, nurturing winemaking and a lifetime commitment to producing Pinot Noir that is true to its varietal and true to its viticultural roots.

With cheers, Kathy

- **The Estate Vineyard:** In our unique east-west running coastal valley, fog hovers over our vines until mid-morning when coastal breezes take over the direct cooling influence. Our soils are well-drained clay loam and impart coveted spice, volume, and concentration in our wines. 34 blocks- comprised of 7 Pinot noir clones on 3 different rootstocks to select from- with varying aspects and soil diversity enhance our opportunity to impart layers in our wines.

- **The 2013 Vintage:** A long, sunny growing season marked a second vintage in a row of near perfect growing conditions. The season culminated in a picking stretch of nearly 3 weeks that allowed us to discover the ideal maturity for each block across the ranch. The minimal rainfall (less than 7 inches) gave us small, even-sized berries that shouted concentration with fully developed flavors.

- **The Winemaking:** Showcasing dynamic strength across the vineyard, this small-lot, palate-selected blend ultimately was sourced from 19 unique blocks throughout Fiddlestix, including multiple pick dates from Sept. 2 - Sept. 18. Clusters were meticulously hand-sorted into shallow picking bins during the coolest part of the night. Picking finished before the early morning fog break, enabling us to

harvest under the most protective conditions for this thin-skinned wine grape. Six distinct clones highlight the diversity that is core to this vintage

selection, including Dijon clones **115** (25%), **113** (20%), **777** (16%), **667** (16%), and Pommard clones **4** (18%) and **5** (6%). Aged in a mixture of new (39%) and once- and twice-used French Oak barrels over 15 months.

- **The Wine:** Delicate aromas of black cherry, pomegranate, and vanilla cream. A cornucopia of 'wild' & earthy notes, intermingled with hints of dried sage, saffras, and cola spice delight a palate that is both balanced and structured, with soft tannins and silky textures.
- pH = 3.35 Acid = 6.50 g/L Alc by Vol = 13.7%
- Production: 373 cases

