



Garagiste SERIES

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Charles Heintz Vineyards & Winery

Owners: Charles & Karen Heintz

Winemaker: Hugh Chappelle

Location: Sonoma Coast, CA

Founded in 2004 by third generation farmer Charles Heintz, the Charles Heintz Vineyards & Winery is an ultra-boutique, premium winery featuring Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah from the Heintz Ranch in Sonoma Coast. The 55-acre vineyard is planted just six miles from the Pacific Ocean in the renowned Green Valley sub-appellation of Sonoma Coast's Russian River Valley, where cool-climate loving varieties truly thrive. It is here that the Heintz family gently and sustainably farms their world-class fruit and crafts it into some absolutely beautiful wines.

The Heintz Ranch has been owned by the Heintz family since 1912, and over the many decades the family has grown a wide variety of crops including berries, cherries, apples, and other vegetables. The family first planted Zinfandel on the property in the early 1900's, but during Prohibition, the grapevines were removed and replaced with apple orchards. It wasn't until 1982 that grapevines were planted once again on Heintz Ranch, and this time to Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah. About eight acres of apple orchards still remain on the Heintz Ranch today.

Charles Heintz took over farming operations at Heintz Ranch in 1984 and he prides himself on continually learning new techniques and keeping up with the latest tools and innovations. Because the family wines are produced in small lots, they receive the utmost care and attention, which is reflected in the taste, color, and aroma of the Heintz wines. Charles painstakingly manages all aspects of farming the 55 acres of vineyards including operations and personally overseeing the winemaking process. Consulting winemaker and family friend Hugh Chappelle has been with the winery since the 2012 vintage and he brings a great attention to detail that comes through beautifully in the finished wines.

The wines from Heintz Ranch are very special due to the unique terroir of the property. The Ranch is located in a valley, six miles west of the Bodega Bay coastline and surrounded by beautiful old Redwoods. Because of the varied terrain, the Heintz Ranch has a range of microclimates which fosters a perfect environment for growing the family's award-winning grapes. The fruit that isn't reserved for the Heintz family wines is sold and under contract to several high-end wineries in Sonoma and Napa, including Moone Tsai, Williams Selyem, Flowers, Realm Cellars, Littorai, and Landmark.

Charles' Heintz's wines are truly handcrafted from grower to winemaker and represent the best of what Heintz Vineyard has to offer. We are happy to share this passionate producer with our Garagiste Wine Club members. Cheers!

Charles Heintz 2014 'Swan Selections' Pinot Noir 110 cases produced

Heintz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, California

The Charles Heintz 2014 'Swan Selections' Pinot Noir features the Swan Pinot Noir clone, a Sonoma County treasure that has adapted to the Heintz family's local terroir. The source for the celebrated clone is Joseph Swan's Russian River Valley estate, which was originally planted in 1969. The wines made from this clone tend to provide bright fruit and elegance. All manners of cherry are front and center in this beautiful 2014 'Swan Selections' Pinot Noir - red cherry, dark cherry, fresh cherry and dried cherry. On the nose, subtle notes of black raspberry, Santa Rosa plum, allspice, and violets are accented by a subtle woody character. The palate is deep, dense, and layered with grippy, fine-grained tannins and crisp, refreshing acidity. A nice touch of minerality comes through in the long, lingering finish. Aged 18 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2022.

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$43.00 / bottle

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