

PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 97 Cases
Dijon Clones: 828 & 777 | 50% New French Oak

Vineyard

Sun Chase Vineyard

AVA

Petaluma Gap AVA (Sonoma County)

Wine Profile

Light ruby in the glass that is translucent to the rim can trick you into thinking that this is a lighter wine. Red and blue fruits along with a slight game note is well perfumed and combined with floral notes that evoke a sense of place.

Palate Impressions

On the palate the wine is sappy, persistent and wraps the palate with dense but light red raspberry and cherry notes along with the lingering minerality note while maintaining great freshness and balance. Block 14 comprised of Dijon clone 777 contributes the darker notes to this wine. Block 3 comprised of all clone 828 nicely frames in this wine with all of its tension and verve.

Vineyard Context

Sun Chase Vineyard is situated on the Southeastern edge of the Sonoma Coast appellation at 800 ft elevation. Considered one of the top five vineyards in Sonoma County, Sun Chase consistently produces wines of great depth and complexity. The rocky hillside soils of this hillside gem are derived from volcanic parent material known as basalt which has a low concentration of magnesium but very rich in minerals which is ideal for cultivating premium Pinot Noir grapes.

Mike Smith
Winemaker

