

	Retail	Savings
\$54.99	\$60.00	8%

2014 Banshee Pinot Noir product-timed-pdf - Tina Marie Vnyd, Sonoma Coast, California - 92 Points- Wine & Spirits

Why We're Drinking It

"Three wine-business friends banded together for this Pinot-centric project. Their small-quantity single-vineyard efforts are superb," says Food & Wine in April, 2017.

And on the subject of this particular single-vineyard offering—from the outstanding 2014 vintage—Wine & Spirits gives the wine 92 points and notes: "Just a velvet-soft embrace of deftly ripe fruit that stays bright and clear through the end."

Devotees of single-vineyard, cool-climate Pinot may recognize the vineyard here—a gorgeous and tiny (under 10 acres total) plot that has the unusual distinction of claiming the Russian River, Green Valley and the Sonoma Coast AVAs as its home. Banshee's sultry and elegant Pinot from Tina Marie is labeled as Sonoma Coast, because their interpretation of this awesome vineyard is graceful and full of finesse, with exhilarating cherry and raspberry fruit ending on a vivid note of radiant and refreshing acidity.

Four reasons we love it:

The 2014 vintage for Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is rated 94 points or Superb from the Wine Enthusiast and 94 points from the Wine Advocate as well.

Headed by a threesome of Wine Country insiders with connections few can claim, Banshee has achieved its notoriety and humongous fan base because of serious negotiation and even more serious sleuthing out of super high-quality juice.

No wine is actually fermented by the Banshee team. Instead individual barrels of incredible, small-production young wine are purchased and blended, resulting in unique and downright delicious bottles unlike any others in the marketplace.

Consulting winemaker Ross Cobb earned his winemaking chops at Flowers, along with more 90+-point awards than can be listed here. He is joined at Banshee by fellow Flowers alum Katy Wilson.

Tasting Notes

The 2014 strikes a beautiful balance between both red and blue fruits, notably Bing cherry and Asian plums. Interwoven with the fruit characteristics are coastal moss, fresh wild mushrooms, and spice. The wine has good carry-through from front to finish, with lively acidity to keep it light on its feet.

VARIETAL

Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

Sonoma Coast, CA

ALCOHOL

13.10

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Pinot Noir

AGING/COOPERAGE

16 months 25% New French oak

PRODUCTION

300 cases

The Story to Know

We started Banshee Wines in 2009 - three of us - friends from the wine business and circumstance, in San Francisco. We were all working day jobs in the trade: importing, marketing and making wine.

Without much of a plan, we decided to buy eight barrels of coveted Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir from a top producer. The

wine was amazing, and the price was insanely low due to dropout of the \$60+ per bottle market. We figured we would either sell the wine case-by-case to friends and family or at worst would be drinking great Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir for the next ten years (win-win). Instead, between a couple of relationships we had in California and on the East Coast, we ended up selling it all in five weeks time. And so it began.

Over the past few years, we've grown up at Banshee Wines. We've developed strong relationships with high-end vineyard owners in Sonoma and work in lock step with them to produce wines of depth, purity and balance. We have recruited an A+ winemaking team, including Ross Cobb (Hirsch, Flowers, Williams Selyem), Katy Wilson (LaRue, Flowers), & Tim Milos (Stags Leap, Opus One). And in August 2013 we opened the Banshee tasting room, in downtown Healdsburg - a refreshing and relaxed take on your typical tasting room.

Our offerings have never been stronger. Lip-smacking Rosé of Pinot Noir, crab-worthy coastal Chardonnay, the gentle giant that is Mordecai, and of course, some of the best damn Pinot Noir in the country.

The Banshee Wines mission remains the same as it was in those early days - to craft distinctive wines that over-deliver in every possible way.

Perfect Pairings

Pair it with salmon, ahi, veal, pork, duck, beef or hearty vegetarian entrees.

Ratings

93 *insider* points

92 Points- Wine & Spirits

Reviews

"Intense and bolder as one would expect with 16 months of oak aging in 25% new French. A fine example for a single vineyard designate in this lovely Tina Marie Pinot. I love the tea notes and intensity, think black tea and crumpets with hints of orange zest and fresh fruit, very heart warming spice notes. This wine is the ultimate relax and enjoy by itself wine with enough structure and acidity to pair with some savory rich foods as well. This highly allocated wine is a must have and one of the better single vnyd designates they offer. You don't even have to be on the allocation list to get it, just order here to get this rare small production treat. ~James Byus III, Premier Wine Concierge, invino

"Tasted blind, something about this wine's lush texture and floral lift reminded me of other wines I've had from Tina Marie, a picturesque vineyard surrounded by conifers in the heart of Green Valley. There's nothing complex about it, just a velvet-soft embrace of deftly ripe fruit that stays bright and clear through the end"