

2012 Hirsch Vineyards *San Andreas Fault* Estate Pinot Noir



Lying adjacent to the San Andreas Fault on the extreme western Sonoma Coast, Hirsch Vineyards is a single vineyard of 68 acres, divided into 61 individual farming blocks. The resulting degree of fragmentation is unmatched even by the famously subdivided vineyards of the Côte de Nuits. Due to the site's proximity to the Pacific Ocean and the San Andreas Fault, the vineyard has a fearsome diversity of soils, topography and microclimates. This complexity defines our farming and winemaking practices: each block was individually developed and is now farmed, harvested and vinified separately.

The *San Andreas Fault* is Hirsch Vineyards' signature pinot noir and is crafted to represent the entirety of this multifaceted vineyard. The *2012 San Andreas Fault* has fruit from 19 distinct farming blocks, more than any other wine made from the Hirsch Vineyard. It is the flagship wine from Hirsch, and the wine that represents the summation of our complex vineyard.

The 2012 vintage produced some of the most exceptional and cellar-worthy wines we have ever seen at Hirsch. The 2012 *San Andreas* is characterized by fruit intensity, a profound tannic structure, and complexity. It will benefit time in the cellar to show its full potential.

The *San Andreas Fault* is produced 100% from the Hirsch Vineyard. It is aged for 17 months in French oak, with 35% new barrels.

Vine age:	Planted 2002-2003	45%
	Planted 1980-1998	55%
Clonal breakdown:	Pommard- Wädenswil	60%
	Swan	28%
	Mount Eden	12%
Whole cluster inclusion:	30%	
Production:	2,098 cases	
Alcohol:	13.2%	
pH:	3.61	
T/A:	0.57 mg / 100ml	