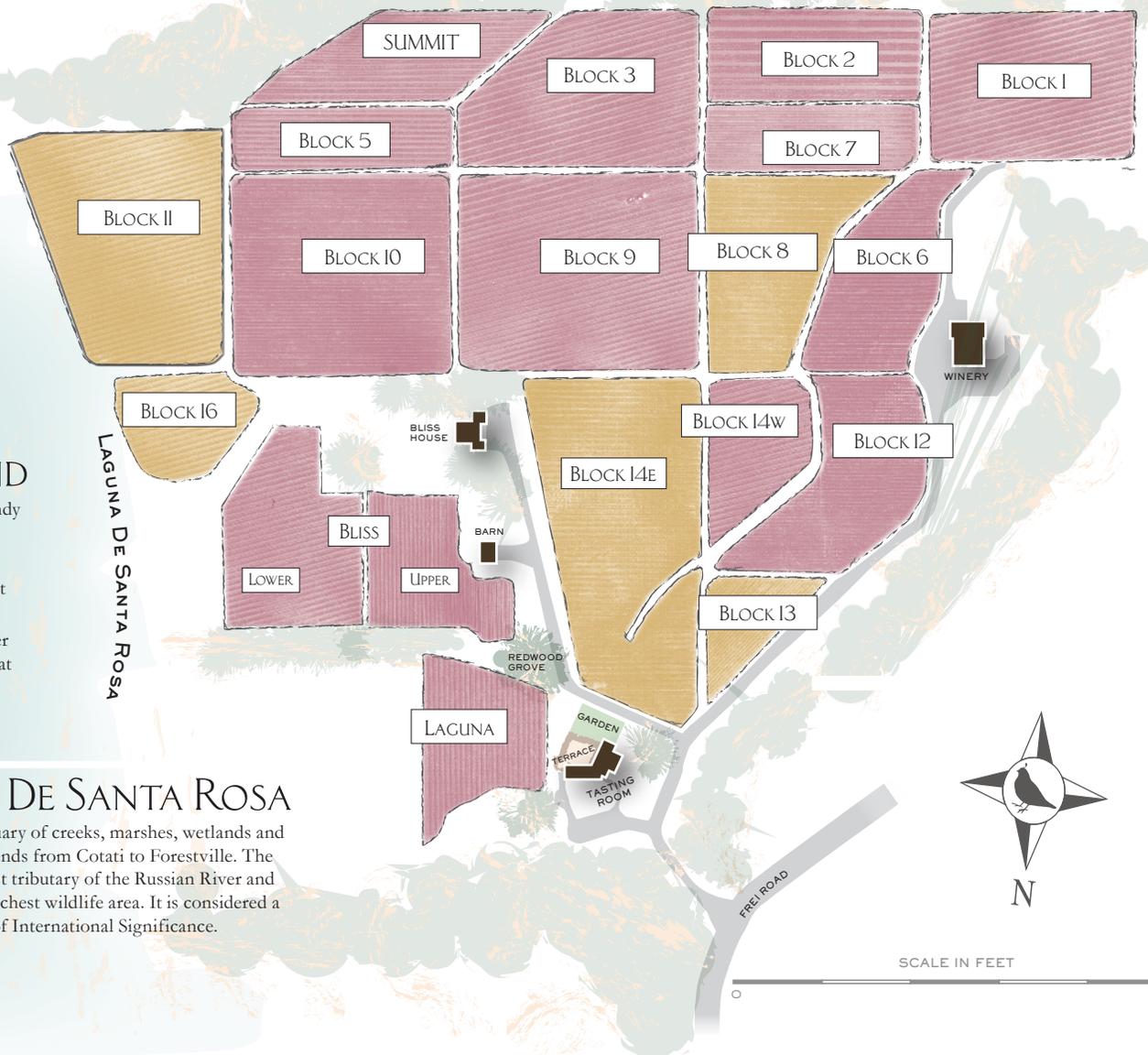


# QUAIL HILL VINEYARD

## LYNMAR ESTATE



### THE LAND

Soil: Sebastopol Sandy Loam

Slopes: 2-30%

Altitude: 50-150 feet above sea level

Location: The center of the vineyard lies at  
W 38° 26' 25"  
N 122° 50' 40"

### LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA

This 22-mile sanctuary of creeks, marshes, wetlands and oak woodlands extends from Cotati to Forestville. The Laguna is the largest tributary of the Russian River and Sonoma County's richest wildlife area. It is considered a Wetland Complex of International Significance.

Originally planted in 1974, Quail Hill Vineyard has some of the oldest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines planted in the Russian River Valley. Retaining select heritage blocks for their highly valued balance and fruit quality, a phased replanting of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay clones began in 1996. Working tirelessly to define, refine and analyze decades of experience and information about the terroir of the ranch, the owners replanted 71% of the vineyard by 2005. Today, the vineyard contains 14 clones of Pinot Noir and two clones of Chardonnay.

### THE CLIMATE

Lynmar Estate is influenced by a convergence of three separate ecosystems making the Laguna Ridge area unique in its setting within the Russian River Appellation.

- Cool southwesterly winds interact with the moist Laguna de Santa Rosa and form afternoon fog.
- Westerly maritime winds in the morning flow down toward the Laguna pushing back the fog, allowing the east facing slopes to receive early morning sunshine while the Laguna itself regulates the temperature. The breezes help dry the vineyard canopy lowering pressures from molds and mildew.
- Later in the day, the east facing slopes receive longer shadows and cooling breezes that help to shut down the vines and preserve the daily ripening efforts.

# VINEYARD BLOCK NOTES

## BLOCK 1

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **2.97**  
Vines: **4,627**  
Clone: **Swan, Calera**  
Rootstock: **3309**  
Planted: **2004**

One of the highest points at Quail Hill Vineyard, Block 1 gets early morning sun and good air movement. The eastern slope and aspect protects the vines from the westerly winds but allows for good air circulation.

## BLOCK 2

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **1.94**  
Vines: **880**  
Clone: **Swan**  
Rootstock: **St. George**  
Planted: **1974**

With large root systems established over almost 40 years, Block 2 with a southeast slope aspect is less reliant on supplemental irrigation. These old vines on St. George rootstock consistently produce exquisitely balanced wine. This block is the source of the Old Vine cuvée.

## BLOCK 3

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **2.97**  
Vines: **4,283**  
Clone: **2A, Pommard 04, Beba, 777**  
Rootstock: **3309**  
Planted: **2004-5**

Block 3 is on a southeast slope. It receives good early morning light. Soil changes in the middle of the slope mean that the irrigation has to be separated to supplement the dryer soils at the top. This allows for greater balance in canopy management.

## SUMMIT

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **1.74**  
Vines: **3,158**  
Clone: **Calera**  
Rootstock: **3309**  
Planted: **2004**

The Summit block is on a north facing slope with deep red soils that have evolved over millions of years. These nutrient poor soils which create a struggle for the vines are perfectly matched with the Calera clone and are the source of the deep and rich cuvée appropriately named Summit.

## BLOCK 5

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **1.21**  
Vines: **2,196**  
Clone: **Calera**  
Rootstock: **420A**  
Planted: **2005**

Block 5, at the base of the summit, has deeper, richer soils that have been planted with vigor restricting 420A rootstock to maintain even growth and ripening.

## BLOCK 6

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **1.72**  
Vines: **1,560**  
Clone: **Pommard, 115, 114**  
Rootstock: **101-14, RG, 3309**  
Planted: **1996**

Block 6 is one of our most extreme east facing slopes. These soils are shallow and rocky and had to be planted using a pickax to open the holes. The struggles of the vines produce small clusters with intense flavors.

## BLOCK 7

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **1.40**  
Vines: **2,541**  
Clone: **Mt. Eden**  
Rootstock: **3309**  
Planted: **2005**

This hillside has been terraced and planted with Mt. Eden clones. The young vines have been slow to adapt to the nutrient poor soil, but the struggle will certainly be worth the wait.

## BLOCK 8

*Chardonnay*  
Acres: **2.29**  
Vines: **1,039**  
Clone: **Rued**  
Rootstock: **St. George**  
Planted: **1974**

Another of our heritage blocks, the mature root system is well established. The west facing slope has proven to be conducive to flavorful Chardonnay. The fruitfulness must often be managed and held back in order to retain the fully ripe flavors we desire. Typically this means no more than one cluster per shoot.

## BLOCK 9

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **4.28**  
Vines: **7,565**  
Clone: **QHV, ASW1, ASW2, ASW3, Pom4, 2A**  
Rootstock: **3309, 101-14**  
Planted: **2005**

Block 9 tends to be the last pruned among the Pinot Noir blocks. It tends to have early bud-break and flowering is often at risk for spring rain events which can impair the ability to set fruit.

## BLOCK 10

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **4.30**  
Vines: **6,326**  
Clone: **667, 777, Swan**  
Rootstock: **101-14**  
Planted: **1996**

This is the most easterly facing slope due to a combination of hillside aspect and proximity to the eastern side of this vineyard, which overlooks the Laguna de Santa Rosa. This block provides a highly prized vista and an exquisitely balanced cuvée, Block 10.

## BLOCK 11

*Chardonnay*  
Acres: **3.86**  
Vines: **6,861**  
Clone: **Old Wente**  
Rootstock: **3309**  
Planted: **2006**

The Old Wente clone of Chardonnay, planted in 2006 is now entering its fully productive state. Slightly richer soils provide a strongly desired balance for a tightly spaced vineyard with more than 1,800 vines per acre.

## BLOCK 12

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **2.09**  
Vines: **1,897**  
Clone: **Swan**  
Rootstock: **101-14**  
Planted: **1997**

This southeast facing block annually produces very healthy canopy growth with very little irrigation dependence. The growth is beautifully balanced and stops on all the right cues, making it a very pleasant block to farm.

## BLOCK 13

*Chardonnay*  
Acres: **1.31**  
Vines: **1,783**  
Clone: **Old Wente**  
Rootstock: **3309**  
Planted: **2006**

Sparse rocky soils create a challenge for this young Old Wente Chardonnay block. Loose clusters with just a few small grapes make this an exciting block to watch.

## BLOCK 14E

*Chardonnay*  
Acres: **4.39**  
Vines: **2,582**  
Clone: **Rued**  
Rootstock: **St. George**  
Planted: **1974**

Sloping gently to the northwest, this block of 40-year-old Chardonnay vines is nearly non-reliant on supplemental irrigation. These vines are trained in a split canopy with four cordons per vine and two separate rows of fruit per vine.

## BLOCK 14W

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **1.24**  
Vines: **2,480**  
Clone: **Quail Hill Select**  
Rootstock: **1616c**  
Planted: **2015**

Block 14w is planted to the Quail Hill Select clone, a proprietary selection of Pinot Noir that came from an experimental planting of three field selections. The best performing vines of the three (rumored to have originated from La Romanée) were then cut and propagated for expansion in our vineyard and have since become a cornerstone selection

## BLISS

*Pinot Noir*

	Upper	Lower
Acres:	<b>1.00</b>	<b>2.20</b>
Vines:	<b>1,089</b>	<b>4,566</b>
Clone:	<b>Mix</b>	<b>943</b>
Rootstock:	<b>Mix</b>	<b>1616c</b>
Planted:	<b>2000, '05</b>	<b>2015</b>

A field mix of Dijon selections, this block produces stunning wines year after year. With a slight elevation drop from top to bottom, we typically harvest this block in two lots. Clone 943 in the lower portion of Bliss Block is a Côte-d'Or selection is known for its low yielding clusters of small compact berries which result in wines of outstanding concentration.

## BLOCK 16

*Chardonnay*  
Acres: **0.84**  
Vines: **915**  
Planted: **2000**  
Clone: **Calera**

The medium sized clusters of the Calera Chardonnay Clone are dense and thick skinned. Block 16 neighbors our Block 11 Old Wente clone Chardonnay located in the lower portion of our ranch, which has a proven track record as an ideal spot for Chardonnay.

## LAGUNA

*Pinot Noir*  
Acres: **1.40**  
Vines: **1,524**  
Clone: **Dijon**  
Rootstock: **RG**  
Planted: **1996**

This organic vineyard is a field mix of Dijon selections that is harvested in two distinct zones. The lower, cooler section of this vineyard is often a large contributor to our Rosé program. The upper section, next to the tasting room, is regularly a stand out of its own rights and merits.