

# RED • CAR

WEST SONOMA COAST

## 2012 ZEPHYR FARMS VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

➤ ELEV. 525 FT. / PACIFIC OCEAN 6.7 MI.

SONOMA COAST

### ➤ ZEPHYR FARMS VINEYARD

Carved out of the low hills above Freestone, a tiny village on the West Sonoma Coast, sits the magical seven acre vineyard known as Zephyr Farms. Deep coastal fog and afternoon westerly winds yield tiny berries with thick skins, resulting in a wine that is highly perfumed and complex. This Pinot Noir is a wine of wonderful paradox as it combines concentration of fruit and spice with freshness on the palate. It has quickly risen up the ranks to become a house favorite with the Red Car team. The tannins are more pronounced than our other Pinot Noirs, attributable to the intense afternoon winds in the vineyard (Zephyr was the Greek god of the west wind). Yet, the mouthfeel and body of the wine remains delicate and silky.

### ➤ TASTE

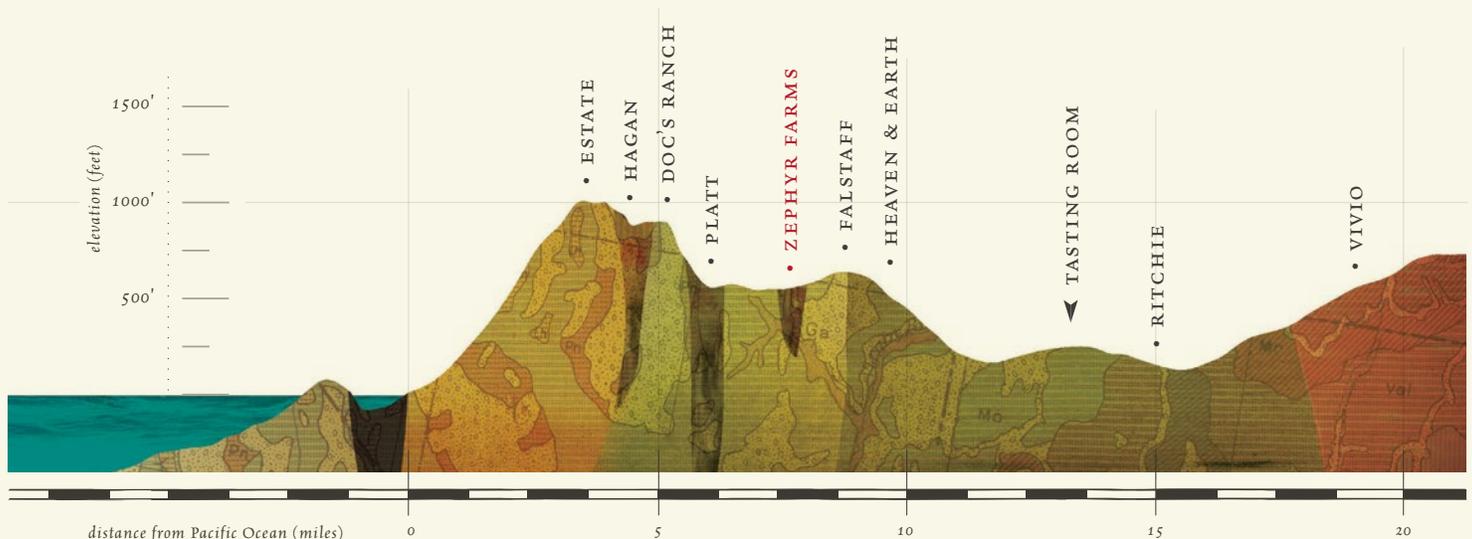
Raspberries, redwood spice, blood orange

### ➤ PHILOSOPHY

Red Car is focused on growing Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah in a network of cold-climate vineyards on the edge of the Pacific in the West Sonoma Coast. We are hands-on farmers, part of a small cadre of wineries in our region who are fortunate to grow a large majority of our own fruit. For several years now we have worked hard to go beyond sustainability and have integrated the concepts and principles of organic, biodynamic and permaculture systems into our farming as we search for nature's ideal pathways. Our wines are made in small lots utilizing minimalist intervention techniques like native yeast fermentation, gravity flow, and natural acid.

### ➤ SPECS

ALCOHOL	13.3%
VINEYARD	<i>Zephyr Farms</i>
AVA	<i>Sonoma Coast</i>
PRODUCTION	325 Cases
AVERAGE BRIX	22.4°
TOTAL ACIDITY	5.2 g/L
STEMS	10%
FRENCH OAK	22% <i>New</i> , 78% <i>Neutral</i>
pH LEVEL	3.8
CLONES	777, 115, 828
SOIL TYPE	<i>Goldridge Sandy Loam</i>
BARREL AGING	18 Months



VINEYARDS on the EDGE OF THE PACIFIC

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