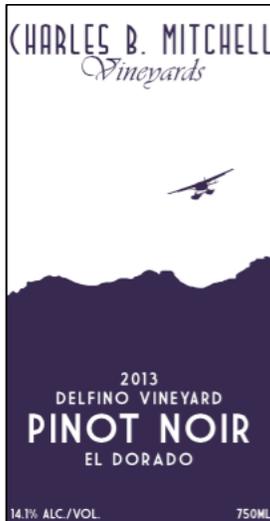




CHARLES B. MITCHELL  
*Vineyards*



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**Harvested; Bottled**

9/13/13; 6/2/15

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**Appellation**

El Dorado

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**Varietal(s)**

Pinot Noir

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**Brix at Harvest**

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**Quantity**

140 Cases

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**Alcohol**

13.8%

## Delfino Vineyard Pinot Noir

2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

### Winemaker's Notes

Pinot Noir is a red wine grape varietal whose name is derived from the French words for *pine* and *black*; the *pine* alluding to the grape variety having tightly clustered berries and pine cone-shaped bunches of fruit.

This varietal is considered to produce some of the finest wines in the world, but is a difficult variety to cultivate and ferment into wine. The grape's tendency to produce tightly packed clusters makes it susceptible to rot. Pinot's thin-skins and low levels of phenolic compounds produce mostly lightly colored, medium-bodied, low-tannin wines. When young, wines made from Pinot Noir tend to have red fruit aromas of cherries, raspberries and strawberries. As the wines age, Pinots have the potential to develop vegetal and "barnyard" aromas that can contribute to the complexity of the wine

The 2013 Delfino Vineyard Pinot Noir is solid, retains acidity and earthiness, with streaks ripe fruit throughout, including raspberry, cherry, and pomegranate. Allow this fine wine 6 months in the bottle and you will be rewarded for your patience. However, an additional 3 to 4 years in the cellar is recommended.

**Food Recommendations:** Roast Duck, Grilled Beef Steak, Pizza, Salmon, Mushrooms, Cheeses; Brie, Camembert, Gruyere, and Goat cheese.

### Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Charles B. Mitchell has been producing award-winning wines in the Sierra Foothills for over 20 years. In the early 2000s, he purchased the original UC Davis test plot and started to carefully tend our grapes to create some of the area's premier Zinfandels. After discovering the true potential of the region, Charles was instrumental in creating the thirty-three square miles known as Fair Play into an established American Viticultural Area.