

## **2014 Center of Effort Pinot Noir Center of Effort**

---

Coming all from estate vineyard in Edna Valley and aged 20 months in French oak (35% new) with light lees, the 2014 Pinot Noir Center of Effort is gorgeous. Black cherries, framboise, dried earth and assorted spice nuances emerge from this medium-bodied, concentrated, textured Pinot Noir that has fine tannin, a seamless mouth feel and a great finish. I suspect it will keep for a decade or more.

---

*This terrific estate is in the Edna Valley and they specialize in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Their “Effort” releases are their entry level wines (which are great values), the “Center of Effort” is the flagship/estate cuvee, and they produce a tiny production Chardonnay and Pinot Noir depending on the vintage. Native ferments, moderate amounts of whole cluster, and mostly neutral French oak aging are the name of the game here.*

**- Jeb Dunnuck (8/10/2017)**