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2015

PINOT NOIR
SONOMA COAST

VINEYARDS

Although the Sonoma Coast appellation covers a lot of terrain, all of its sites share a cooler, foggier climate that is perfectly suited for Pinot Noir thanks to its close proximity to the Pacific Ocean. By blending multiple vineyards and clones, we produced a Pinot that is both complex and approachable. The fruit for our 2015 Sonoma Coast Pinot came mostly from our own estate vineyards from Carneros, with a lesser extent Russian River Valley.

VINTAGE

2015 was a fantastic vintage producing high quality fruit. It began with an earlier than average budbreak, and an intense, compacted harvest beginning earlier than average as well. The high temperatures in August and early September accelerated maturity and picking times. We picked all grapes by September through early October 2015. Overall, this has been an early and light harvest with smaller berries and concentrated flavors that produced exceptional quality fruit.

WINEMAKING

All lots were gently de-stemmed to preserve the whole berries. We cold soaked for an average of three days before inoculation. During fermentation the wine was pumped over its skins two to three times a day to enhance color and flavor extraction. Press fractions were kept and fined separately to remove harsh tannins. Lots with excessive, green tannins were fined with egg whites. Each lot was then transferred into new and used French and Hungarian oak barrels. The wine was aged 6 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This 2015 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a medium to dark garnet color, and is a wonderful example of a cool climate Pinot Noir. Bright aromas of cherry pie, cloves, and toasted caramel lead into layered flavors of rich Maraschino cherry, oriental spice, and toasty oak on the palate. Medium-bodied, it boasts silky tannins and a pleasantly bright acidity. The wine finishes with lingering notes of spice and vanilla bean. This is the perfect accompaniment to any light red meat and grilled salmon dish, or it can be enjoyed alone.

- David Nakaji, Winemaker

APPELLATION	Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
COOPERAGE	Aged 6 months in new and used French, and Hungarian oak barrels
ALCOHOL	13.8%
TA	0.57 g/100ml
pH	3.68
RELEASE DATE	March 2017



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