

APPELLATION WINE

2015 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

A heartland for California Pinot Noir

VINEYARD DETAILS

Sourced from a variety of special vineyards:

Castaldi, Cohn, Gantz, Giusti, Graham, Jenkins, Keefer, Laguna, Thorn Ridge, Koplen, Laguna Valdez, Lucky Well, Moonshine, Ritchie, Sundawg, Zio Tony.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest	August 14 – September 15, 2015
Fermentation	stainless steel, wood and concrete open tops / 5 day cold soak / 14 day average ferment / 5% whole cluster
Oak	36% new French oak, 14 months / 15% aged in wood tank / 4% aged in concrete tank
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.54
TA	6.34 g/L
Bottling Date	December 12 – 14, 2016

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Rainier and Bing cherry and raspberries with fragrant floral notes.

Mouth: Elegantly textured with bright acidity and silky mouthfeel. Crunchy red fruits are forward on the palate with lasting focus and energy.

FACTS OF NOTE

AGING

29% aged in larger wood and concrete vessels

SMALL LOTS

49 small lots went into the wine

FERMENTATION

5% whole cluster

There are many differences between vineyards in this small appellation but the majority of them do share a common influence – the cooling effect that follows the Russian River inland from the Pacific coast. This fog helps keep nights cool and offers vines a respite from daytime temperatures. In turn, these diurnal temperature swings slow down ripening and promote more evolved flavors in our grapes. We work with vineyards that span a diverse and varied view into a region that many would call the heartland of California Pinot Noir. Our goal is to create a wine that showcases the essence of this magical appellation.

Over the years, we've been fortunate to work with many great vineyards. We continue to work carefully with select growers that farm in and around our Sebastopol home. There is often a recognizably full mouthfeel and texture to the wines from the area - a common thread to the components of this blend and a feature we are drawn to every vintage.

