

## 2015 DCV10 ESTATE PINOT NOIR – RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



### HISTORY

The Russian River Valley is perhaps the finest region for growing world-class Pinot Noir in all of California. The coastal climate is ideal with daily heating and cooling cycles that create the perfect conditions to cultivate this delicate grape. We produce just a small amount of Pinot Noir, hand selecting the most optimal fruit from one of our estate vineyards. Aged in small French oak barrels, this beautiful wine displays pure varietal characters and earthy nuances, true to the terroir of the Russian River Valley appellation.

### GROWING SEASON

A dry and warm winter began the 2015 growing season with budbreak coming in early March. Cool weather came during fruit set, with not a lot of sunshine. A heat spike came in late June. However, the grapes ripened evenly and flavor and development were right where we wanted them to be. Yields were a bit down from previous vintages, but the quality was extremely high. This was one of our earliest recorded harvests with one of the earliest finishes in our history!

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Pinot Noir from our Russian River Valley estate vineyard is one of our true winemaking joys. This vintage displays wonderful aromatics of strawberry, violets and cranberry. Several more minutes of airing reveal earthy aromas of mushrooms. On the palate, flavors of cherry and black raspberry come forward to integrate with hints of barrel spice and vanilla. The tannins are velvety and smooth with a round, creamy mouthfeel. This delicious Pinot Noir is balanced with nice acidity and a long lingering finish. Aging potential: 5-7 years.

RELEASE DATE	May 2017
BLEND	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 9, 2015
ALCOHOL	14.5%
FERMENTATION	Fermented 15 days in T-bins. Punched down by hand 2 - 3 times per day. 30% whole cluster in fermenters.
BARREL AGING	Aged for 10 months in 100% French oak; 31% new oak
BRIX	Average 24.1
PH	3.72
TA	6.0g/L
SOILS	Clay-loam soils
VINE AGE	10 - 15 years
YIELDS	4-5 tons per acre

