



2015 'Dijon Clones' Sonoma County Pinot Noir

One of the factors improving the overall quality of Pinot Noir in California is the planting of the so-called 'Dijon Clones' of Pinot Noir. The Dijon Clones originated from vines in Burgundy, France and were brought to the United States by a group of winemakers in the 1960's and 70's and are now one of the premier clones of Pinot Noir in the U.S. We are fortunate that our friends at Robert Sinskey winery were able to offer to us some amazing '777' Dijon Clone fruit from their biodynamic farmed Ramal Road Vineyard which is located at the southernmost end of the town of Sonoma in the very cool southern part of Sonoma County.

This vintage is bright and energetic; filled with vibrant red fruit like plum and raspberry. The wine is a lovely example of an exquisite Pinot Noir that is almost better enjoyed through its complex and unique aromas of pomegranate, red raspberry, spice and light oak. Pure and bright with mouthwatering acidity and flavors of vivid plum and minerals this wine makes you want to dive in and take another sip. Mouth filling and delicious with low alcohol this is one to sip and savor.

After hand sorting, the clusters were de-stemmed into a small open-top fermenter. After a two-day cold soak, the must was inoculated with Assmanhausen yeast. The cap was punched-down twice daily, by hand. After a gentle pressing, the wine was inoculated for malo-lactic fermentation and barreled down to traditional Burgundian barrels. The barrels used were 30% new French oak and 70% two and three year old French barrels and aged 9 months before bottling. **Only 212 cases produced**

Vintage	2015
Wine Type	Red
Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Sonoma County
Alcohol	13.0%
Cases	212
Barrel Aging	9 months in 30% new French Oak, 70% 2 & 3 year old barrels

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