



2015 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Since this is our 20th bottling of Pinot Noir from the great Russian River Valley this wine needs no introduction! We believe that the quality of wine we produce is only as good as the fruit we start with and the fruit for our 2015 vintage comes from the Gunsalus Vineyard in the very cool Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley AVA. This is quintessential Russian River Valley Pinot Noir and shows off its true Pinot Noir character.

This wine is smooth and succulent with a mélange of red fruits and toast. Fleshy on the palate, there is weight without heaviness, owing to the balanced acidity. It has ample fruit flavors showing plenty of wild strawberry and cherry flavors, accentuated by a hint of sweet spice. Complex, yet elegant and silky, this is one to pull the cork on tonight and enjoy.

As always this fruit was handled with the same 'by-hand' treatment of all our Pinot Noirs. It was destemmed into open top fermenters for daily punch-downs which gently extract the flavor and body. After a gentle pressing the wine was inoculated for malo-lactic fermentation and barreled down to traditional Burgundian barrels. The barrels used were 26% new French oak and 74% two year old French barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for 9 months. **187 cases produced.**

Vintage	2015
Wine Type	Red
Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Alcohol	14.5%
Cases	187
Barrel Aging	9 months in 26% new French Oak, 74% 2 & 3 year old barrels

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