

RON RUBIN  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
2015  
PINOT NOIR

TASTING NOTES

Bright nose of cherry and plum lead the way to hints of cocoa layered with spice aromas. The bouquet is rounded out with toasty vanilla oak and the berry flavors offer a balanced and elegant finish. This very approachable wine offers mouthfilling, yet soft tannins, bright acidity with a gentle oak mid-palate, and fruity finish. This robust and fruit-driven Pinot Noir pairs beautifully with fig and goat cheese crostinis, roasted duck and rotisserie chicken.

VINTAGE

The 2015 harvest was the earliest start for many vintners in the Green Valley of Russian River Valley – most beginning the third week of August, with mid-September for Pinot Noir. The pace was fairly steady, with the warm fall weather keeping things moving along from late August until early October. Although the vines were vigorous and healthy throughout the growing season, the poor weather conditions during bloom lead to a decrease in crop size from 2014. The silver lining however, is that the quality of this precious fruit from 2015 is proving to make beautiful wines. Sometimes, it's quality over quantity that matters most - especially when it comes to concentration of flavor.

TERROIR

Our Ron Rubin Pinot Noir expresses the character of Russian River Valley terroir while reflecting the versatility of the region. Russian River Valley's morning fogs and cool coastal breezes from the Pacific Ocean, create ideal growing conditions for pinot noir because it allows for a 15-20% longer hang times, than that of neighboring areas. This allows for our pinot noir to retain bright acidity and to develop full flavor maturity.

WINEMAKING/SOURCING/CLONES

Our 2015 Pinot Noir was hand-picked, sorted, and destemmed to open top fermenters and cold soaked for 5 days. It was then fermented and pressed and barrelled down to French oak barrels. In addition to growing these grapes on our Estate, we acquired fruit from a few local family vineyards. Clones: 115, 667, 777, 828, 113, and Pommard.

TYPE/SIZE OF FERMENTATION VESSEL

Aged in 100% French Oak barrels, 15% new, for 8 months.



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ALC. 13.7%  
PH 3.56  
TA 5.6g/L  
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CLOSURE Stelvin Twist-Off with  
Saranex Oxygen Barrier Liner