



2015 PINOT NOIR

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BLEND

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD & VINTAGE

50% ESTATE GROWN 50% BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD

SOIL: SANDY CLAY LOAM AND SHALEY LOAM

ROOTSTOCK: 101-14 LOW VIGOR//WET FEET TOLERANT

TRELLIS: VERTICAL SHOOT POSITION (VSP)

VINTAGE: HARVEST WRAPPED UP QUITE EARLY FOR PINOT NOIR WITH MOST OF THE STATE FINISHING UP THEIR PICKING BY MID SEPTEMBER. HALF OF THE 2015 PINOT CAME FROM AWARD WINNING VINEYARD BIEN NACIDO IN THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY. THIS AREA SAW CONSISTENT TEMPERATURES WITH NO FROST. BIEN NACIDO IS PLANTED ON LOW VIGOR SOILS WHICH MAKE THE VINES STRUGGLE BUT ULTIMATELY MAKES THEM STRONGER AS WELL.

PRODUCTION

30% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRIQUES 70% NEUTRAL

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

CLONES: 115, 667, MARTINI, 777

BRIX AT HARVEST: 22.7

DRINKING WINDOW: 2019-2025

TASTING NOTES

THE VINTAGE OFFERS INTENSE AROMATICS WITH UNIQUE FLAVORS THAT ARE A DIRECT REFLECTION OF THE GROWING SEASON. UNEXPECTED NOTES OF VANILLA BEAN COFFEE, FRESH-BAKED RASPBERRY SCONES, AND SUBTLE EUCALYPTUS OPEN UP THIS SPECTACULAR WINE. THE ACID PROFILE IS THE PERFECT PRIMER TO ROBUST FLAVORS OF RED CURRANTS, CHERRY COLA, AND WILD BLACKBERRIES. IT'S TRULY ONE OF THOSE WINES THAT OFFERS SOMETHING NEW WHENEVER YOU REVISIT IT. THE EVOLUTION OF THIS WINE IS SOMETHING YOU'LL WANT TO WATCH.