

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2015

ESTATE PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD NOTES

Lone Oak Vineyard - The grapes for this delicious wine come from Kent and Kathy Rosenblum's vineyard in Windsor, Ca. It is located at elevations up to 200 ft. above the Russian River. This hillside vineyard was planted in 1982 and produces loose clusters and small berries giving us the opportunity for great flavors and disease free fruit. The vineyard has speckles soil (which is a mixture of blue shale and red clay) and generally has very cool nights and morning fog with some hot afternoon temperatures. This all adds up to a perfect place to grow worldclass Pinot Noir.

PRODUCTION

We picked the grapes for this beautiful Pinot Noir on August 24th, 2015. We crushed it into macro bins and cold soaked it overnight. The next day we pulled the bins out into the warm Alameda sunshine and allowed the bins to warm up. We inoculated 8 bins using my favorite Pinot yeast BRG, and 5 bins using one of my other favorite yeast strains D254, to bring out red fruit characteristics. After a healthy 10-day fermentation we pressed them to tank. After settling the lees, we barreled down to Gamba, Seguin Moreau and Ermitage barrels. The wine underwent native malolactic fermentation.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

I think this is the best vintage I have produced of this wine from our Estate grapes. It would be slightly tooting our own horn to say that these grapes are incredible (because we grow them) but they are! Gorgeous and consistent, this Pinot boasts pretty aromas of rose petal, clove, cinnamon and strawberry rhubarb pie, followed by flavors of maple, black cherry, vanilla milkshake and that sexy Russian River minerality.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION

98% Pinot Noir
2% Syrah

ALCOHOL

13.73%

PH

3.76

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.63g / 100ml

BARRELS

40% new American oak
40% new French oak
20% neutral oak

CASES PRODUCED

572

RELEASE DATE

Oct. 2016

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$40



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