

2015 Barrique Pinot Noir | Sonoma Coast

Vineyards- Sourced from several vineyards located in the Northern Russian River Valley and Sonoma Carneros. The Russian River fruit comes from the warmer end of the valley, that results in a lush style of wine. In an area devoted primarily to Zinfandel, these rare Pinot Vineyards are highly sought after for their ripe, dark fruit and deep color. The Sonoma Coast vineyard is owned by the Sangiacomo family and is located in the historic Sonoma Carneros AVA, a cooler region that delivers bright acidity and earthiness.

Vintage- The 2015 vintage offered excellent growing conditions. A mild winter and spring compounded with almost no rain contributed to early ripening, low to moderate yields and highly concentrated grapes resulting in exceptional quality. 2015 is one of the earliest vintages we've seen in over a decade, but it will also go down as one of the best.

Fermentation: 70% of the fruit was de-stemmed and moved by gravity to open top fermenters. The remaining 30% was left whole cluster and added to the top of the de-stemmed fruit. The tank was chilled to 50F for a long cold soak to increase enzymatic extraction, then allowed to warm on it's own. Primary fermentation was indigenous as was malolactic. The ferment was pressed off just prior to dryness, preserving aromatics and minimizing harsh alcoholic extraction. The wine was transferred immediately to barrel with its lees for mouthfeel and complexity.

Harvest Dates: August 25th - September 13th, 2015

Winemaker: Dan Fitzgerald

Assistant Winemaker: Nicole Michael

Yeast: Indigenous

Cooperage & Aging: The wine was aged in 100% French oak, 30% of it new, for 12 months.

Bottling: July 2016

Sensory Notes: Deep, vivid plum red in color with high notes of rose, black cherry and a hint of hibiscus on the nose. The palate is broad and structured with generous cherry fruit. The finish is reminiscent of violets complemented by a touch of vanilla and espresso.

Final Technical Information:

pH: 3.58

TA: .65 g/100ml

Alc: 13.5%

Available Formats: 750ml

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.00

