



"THE WINDS OF SONOMA LENT US OUR NAME. BE IT A STEADY BREEZE OR A FIRM GUST, AN ANABATIC WIND IS ONE THAT FLOWS UP THE HILLS OF A VINEYARD DURING CALM AND SUNNY WEATHER."

—JOHN SWEAZEY, PROPRIETOR

2015 PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST WESTLANDS

VINEYARD NOTES

WestLands Pinot Noir is our nod to capturing the essence of the West Sonoma Coast. In the 2015 vintage, three vineyards were selected from the very cool climate driven regions of West Sebastopol and West Petaluma Wind Gap. O'Connor Vineyard is an old apple orchard planted to Pinot Noir clones over 25 years ago (we source Pommard and Clone 115 from this site). This, along with another very small, highly dense, private vineyard nearby on Barlow Lane (planted to Pommard and Swan Clones), share the magic of Goldridge soils and one of the foggiest climates of the region—superb for growing Pinot Noir. Mariani Vineyard balances the trio. Located in the western edge of the Petaluma Wind Gap, Mariani enjoys the stresses the wind brings to the vines along with the affects of cooling fog and mineral rich soils. Combined, these three vineyards add graceful texture and nuance to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Pretty aromatics jump out of the glass—raspberry, ripe cherry, anise and inviting Christmas spices. The vibrant palate is filled with nice layers and beautiful texture. Fresh Bing cherries, ripe cranberries and spice are expressive in this energetic wine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Vineyards: O'Connor Vineyard, Barlow Lane Private Vineyard, Mariani

Clones: Pommard, Swan, 115

Harvest: 8/26, 9/4

Brix: 22.2

TA: 6.4 g/L

pH: 3.49

Alcohol: 13.0%

Method/Aging: Hand harvested and sorted then de-stemmed. 5-day cold soak. Fermented separately by clone. 30% whole cluster. Gentle pump-over and punch-downs during fermentation. Lots combined to age 20 months in 100% French oak, 30% of which was new.

Cooperage: François Frères, Cavin, Taransaud

Cases Produced: 258

Retail: \$56/bottle

