



# CHALK HILL

MT. EDEN CLONE  
2014 PINOT NOIR

CHALK HILL ESTATE is located at the convergence of a number of diverse climates, soils and terrains in the northeastern hills of Sonoma County. The Chalk Hill AVA is a sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley, the epicenter of Pinot Noir growing and winemaking. While the estate is a bit warm for top quality Pinot Noir, our Trenton Road vineyard, located a few miles west of the winery, is ideally situated. Trenton's 45 acres of vineyard are planted with the highly regarded Mt. Eden, Pommard, and Swan clones of Pinot Noir.

2014 was a fabulous vintage, giving us wines of both finesse and concentration. One lot of Pinot Noir stood out as a stand-alone wine, which we proudly share with you. The Mt. Eden clone is particularly dark in color for Pinot Noir with flavors of raspberry, Bing cherries, green tea, and dark chocolate. Aromas of strawberries, dried roses, juniper berries, forest floor, and dark chocolate make a statement. Our winemaking protocol of open-top fermentation with punch-downs and aging in carefully chosen French oak barrels brings out these signature qualities of the Mt. Eden, yet allows the inherent elegance of Pinot Noir to shine through. Its ripe tannins and sweet, broad palate make this a truly wonderful wine.

## H A R V E S T

*Harvest Dates:* SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

*Average Yields:* 4 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 27.3°

## F E R M E N T A T I O N / B A R R E L

MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE FOR FIVE MONTHS

*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 46% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 11 MONTHS

## W I N E

*Blend:* 100% PINOT NOIR, MT. EDEN CLONE

*Bottling Date:* AUGUST 7, 2015

*pH:* 3.58      *TA:* 5.73 G/L      *Alcohol:* 15.2%