



# CHALK HILL

MT. EDEN CLONE  
2015 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.

2015 was another prime vintage with moderate temperatures throughout the spring and summer. The 2015 Mt. Eden Pinot Noir displays complex aromas of ripe raspberry, dried rose, juniper berry, pine forest and dark chocolate that carry through to the palate. It is dark in color with a broad mouthfeel and structured tannins. To harness these clonal attributes, our winemaking regimen included open-top fermentation with regular punch-downs and aging in carefully chosen French oak barrels. Enjoy this beauty now or age up to 5 years.

## H A R V E S T

*Harvest Dates:* SEPTEMBER 3RD AND 10TH, 2015  
*Average Yields:* 1.7 TONS/ACRE  
*Average Brix at Harvest:* 24.8°

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

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION  
MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE FOR FOUR MONTHS  
*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 67% NEW  
*Barrel Aging:* 11 MONTHS

## W I N E

*Blend:* 100% PINOT NOIR, MT. EDEN CLONE  
*Bottling Date:* AUGUST 19, 2016  
*pH:* 3.53      *TA:* 3.38 g/L      *Alcohol:* 14.9%