



# CHALK HILL

SONOMA COAST

2015 PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD

Since its founding, Chalk Hill has been producing artisan wines from our Estate vineyards in the hills of northeastern Sonoma County. For four decades we have studied, prodded and coaxed our complex terroir to ensure that our Estate wines deliver vivid aromatics, commanding flavors, great character and regional accuracy. While our 300+ acres of vineyards surrounding the winery will always be the cornerstone of our identity, starting with the 2012 vintage, we started producing our first Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. This 2015 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir comes from extraordinary vineyards throughout Sonoma County including Foley Family estate Vineyards. Our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir features fruit from some of the best sites in Russian River Valley, Carneros and Sonoma Coast.

WINEMAKING

2015 was another prime vintage with moderate temperatures throughout the spring and summer. The quality of fruit was excellent across the board with smaller berry sizes and concentrated flavors. We experienced little rainfall in the winter with warmer trends in the spring and summer. Harvest arrived earlier than in previous years with the fruit coming in September through October. Barrel fermentation and aging in Hungarian and French, oak full ML, lees contact and regular stirring provided additional richness and complexity to this Pinot Noir.

TASTING

The Chalk Hill Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir delivers exceptional flavors and balance. Dark ruby in color, notes of black cherry and toasted oak fill the aroma. The palate is medium bodied with flavors of juicy cherry, raspberry, cola and dried herbs. An underlying acidity, indicative of its Sonoma Coast origins, lingers with soft tannins, vanilla oak and spice on the finish. This fruit-forward style Pinot Noir can be enjoyed in its youth or aged for another few years.

HARVEST DATA

*Harvest Dates:* SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2015

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 24.2°

FERMENTATION / AGING DATA

REGULAR BÂTONNAGE; 100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

*Cooperage:* HUNGARIAN AND FRENCH OAK BARRELS

*Barrel Aging:* 6 MONTHS

WINE DATA

*Blend:* 100% PINOT NOIR

*pH:* 3.65    *TA:* 5.7 g/L    *Alcohol:* 14.66%

