



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED  
2015 PINOT NOIR

THE 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 six highly regarded clones of Pinot Noir, primarily Mt. Eden, Pommard, Swan and Dijon 777.

2015 was another prime vintage with moderate temperatures throughout the spring and summer. Concentrated wild strawberry and Bing cherry meld together with redwood forest aromas on the nose. Smooth with soft tannins, the wine's silky texture brings forth a palate full of juicy red berry fruits with hibiscus flower wrapped around decadent dark chocolate. Its elegant finish and balanced acidity make it a versatile food-pairing wine. Enjoy with roasted pork tenderloin, or a grilled salmon with berry sauce.

## HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

*Average Yields:* 2.3 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 24.2°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE FOR THREE MONTHS

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 44% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 10 MONTHS

## WINE

*Blend:* 100% PINOT NOIR

*Bottling Date:* AUGUST 11, 2016

*pH:* 3.81     *TA:* 5.65 G/L     *Alcohol:* 14.8%