NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

The depth of color and rich, silky tannins of our 2015 Russian River Pinot Noir pay homage to a warm growing season with little rain. Winter was dominated by sunny, 80°F days, followed by a dry spring. In April, cold ocean winds picked up and our vineyards received a welcome douse of rain. With a lighter fruit set than normal, the berries’ concentrated fruit profile showed a unique balance of acidity and structure. Harvest began early for the second year in a row and, with sustained hot days, was completed at a fast clip. While one of the warmest vintages in recent years, the long growing season offset the hot days, producing a velvety and complex Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE
Deep burgundy

AROMAS
Cardamom, nutmeg

PALATE
Black plum, cassis, sweet berry

FINISH
Great depth, balance and focus

MOUTHFEEL
Intensity across the palate

AGEABILITY
Given proper cellaring, this wine will give drinking pleasure through 2025

PAIRINGS
Peking duck a l’orange or lamb gyro with garlic tzatziki

VINEYARDS
Last Stop Estate Vineyard
Westpin Estate Vineyard
Bailey Vineyard

HARVEST DATES
August 15, – September 16, 2015

ALCOHOL 14.2%

AVERAGE BRIX 24.3°

BARREL AGING
14 months

BARRELS
100% French Oak; 25% New

WHOLE CLUSTER 20%

RELEASE DATE
May 1, 2017