

# PINOT NOIR



## **2015 Russian River Valley Anna's Block**

At Chloe Creek Vineyards, our mission is to create distinctive, limited-production Pinot Noirs that showcase the true expression and complexity of the vineyard.

Because world-class wine begins in world-class vineyards, our grapes are harvested only from the best Sonoma County Appellation vineyards. Each wine is produced in small lots and reflects the unique character of the particular vineyard. Each Chloe Creek Pinot is coaxed along with minimal intervention and crafted to produce wines of distinction and balance.

**Vintage-** The 2015 vintage offered excellent growing conditions. A mild winter and spring compounded with almost no rain contributed to early ripening, low to moderate yields and highly concentrated grapes resulting in exceptional quality. 2015 is one of the earliest vintages we've seen in over a decade, but it will also go down as one of the best.

**Fermentation-** 70% of the fruit was destemmed and moved by gravity to open top fermenters. The remaining 30% was left whole cluster and added to the top of the destemmed fruit. The tank was chilled to 50F for a nice long cold soak to increase enzymatic extraction then allowed to warm on it's own. The fermentation was indigenous as was malolactic. The tank was pressed off just before dryness to preserve fruit and minimize harsh alcoholic extraction, the wine was transferred immediately to barrel without settling for added mouthfeel and complexity.

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**Sensory Notes-** Deep ruby red in color, the bouquet opens with Huckleberry coulis and black cherry followed with charcuterie and cedar. This pinot boasts incredibly concentrated red and dark fruit that lingers, silky textured on the palate. A wine capable of long term ageing, every sip offers new nuance.

Fresh layers of rich dark fruit and berry flavors are interwoven with sweet oak and earthy tannins resulting in a delicately balanced complex wine - great to enjoy by itself or with a light meal. All of our wines can be enjoyed now but we recommend decanting for 1 hour prior to serving.

## **VINEYARD**

**Varietal:** Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley

**Vines:** 20 years average, pioneer soil, irrigated

**Clones:** Calera and Eden pinot clone

**Yield:** 3 tons per acre average

**Harvest Date:** September 18, 2015

**Cases produced:** 110

**Winemaker:** Dan Fitzgerald

**Brix at Harvest:** 24.4°

**T.A.:** .62g/100ml

**pH:** 3.65

**Alcohol** 14.4%

**Cooperage:** 11 months French Oak, 33% new

**Bottled:** December 2016

**Release Date:** June 2018