



RIVERBENCH

2015 CLONE 115 PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley



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| COMPOSITION | 100% Pinot Noir, Clone 115 |
| HARVEST | August 19, 2015 |
| COOPERAGE | 64% New French Oak |
| COOPERS | Profile 80, Francois Freres |
| ACIDITY | 0.61 g/100ml |
| PH | 3.64 |
| ALCOHOL | 13.4% |
| BOTTLED | July 20, 2016 |
| PRODUCTION | 430 cases |
| PRICE | \$46 |

WINEMAKERS NOTES

If wine wore clothes, this one would be head to toe in Chanel. Timeless and classic, this bottling embodies all that is elegant and refined. The nose is graceful with delicate floral notes of sweet violet and rose hips mingled with a pop of blackberry. The palate is quiet but full of gorgeous hyacinth, a bit of bacon and dried black currant. As it spends a little time in the glass, it evolves, keeping you guessing with every sip. On the finish, subtle flavors of tea leaves, boysenberry, and maybe a little orange peel and Schezuan pepper entice the senses and keep things interesting. Whether you're entertaining at home or at the White House, this is one that will impress the guests. Try it with duck breast or simple grilled steak.

2015 HARVEST

We began harvest on August 3rd and completed harvest September 30, 2015. The vines emerged from dormancy early this year which translated into an early harvest. The growing temperatures varied greatly throughout the year with some very warm months and rather cool ones as well. In general, the 2015 vintage was a lighter crop in comparison to many years but it made up for it in quality. The clusters were made up of small firm berries. The harvest crews worked diligently through the cool nights bringing in this year's crop. This will be a long post-harvest season, in which, we have our fingers crossed we will receive an abundance of much needed rainfall. This will help adequately supply the vines with proper hydration for emergence in the spring. At that time, we will be ready to start another exciting vintage.

