



RIVERBENCH

2015 ONE PALM PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley



COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir, Clone 667
HARVEST	August 18, 2015
COOPERAGE	57% New French Oak
COOPERS	Boutes
ACIDITY	0.58 g/100ml
PH	3.72
ALCOHOL	13.9%
BOTTLED	July 20, 2016
PRODUCTION	391 cases
PRICE	\$44

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Meet our One Palm Pinot Noir, the debonair one of the bunch. He's polished and gracious, with integrated oak that won't overwhelm the senses. This wine pops with a dark purple color, customary of clone 667, and coats the tongue with hints of red fruits – strawberry, raspberry, and cherry. Yet there is a dusty quality that brings in an element of earthiness, maybe dirt after the rain, adding some old world sophistication. Yes, we're talking more Rhett Butler than Ashley Wilkes, make no mistake, with a sultry sexy, brooding and... dare we say it?... dangerous edge. One sip of this and, frankly, you won't give a damn.

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.

