



RIVERBENCH

2015 POMMARD PINOT NOIR

Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley



COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir, Pommard Clone
HARVEST	August 20, 2015
COOPERAGE	64% New French Oak
COOPERS	Francois Freres
ACIDITY	0.58 g/100ml
PH	3.77
ALCOHOL	14.9%
BOTTLED	July 20, 2016
PRODUCTION	438 cases
PRICE	\$48

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WINEMAKERS NOTES

He's smooth. Confident. Just a little domineering. Wins every game of poker, spies on warlords and smugglers, and remains cool and calm with the ubiquitous drink in hand. Fast cars and sophisticated gadgets may make him irresistible, but he stays polite yet aloof. The name's Pommard, Pommard Pinot Noir, and this addition to our lineup is dense, velvety and mysterious. The nose holds the fragrance of currants and bruléed red fruits with just a tiny hint of rose petal, violet, and custom made cigarettes. These follow through on a dark and brooding palate which exhibits flavors of blueberry pie and cherry. Strong tannins give this wine its Double 0 status, so make it your mission to enjoy it as often as possible.

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.

