

2015

CAMPBELL RANCH

PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This wonderful vineyard is located near the town of Annapolis on the northern Sonoma Coast, also known as the "True Sonoma Coast'. Campbell Ranch lies right on the fog line at 750 feet above sea level in a very remote area. This vineyard was planted with Dijon clones 667 and 777 in 2000 in low vigor soils. We are always thrilled with the results and know you will be too.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone and vineyard during fermentation and aging. This gives us many more blending options. We cold soak the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. During the seven to twelve days it takes to ferment, we hand-punch each fermenter, up to four times a day to ensure that the temperature doesn't get too warm. Once the juice is fermented, we press the fruit and move the wine into Francois Fréres French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Low yields resulted in some great wines this year...but we sure wish we had more 2015 Campbell Ranch. This dark ruby red Campbell is a complex, tightly woven wine. The seductive nose starts with blue and purple fruits with cola and wild brambly notes emerging as the wine opens. The flavors are just as complex. Dark, concentrated blue fruit, driven by tangy blackberry and cranberry with subtle hints of orange peel create an appealing mouthful. Earthier and fresh herbal notes are lurking and begin to show as the wine opens. This is a great wine with the acidity and fine tannic structure that should impress the patient for a long, long time.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Sonoma Coast

Harvest Date: September 2015

Alcohol: 13.2%

T.A.: 6.5 g/l

pH: 3.49

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in

Francois Frères French oak, 50% New,

50% 1-2 year old

Bottled: August 2016

Production: 423 cases / 750ml

16 cases / 1.5L

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