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2015 Gravel Knob Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINE NOTES

One small section of the Gloria Ferrer Estate vineyards produces Pinot Noir of incomparable quality. Gravel Knob, as the name implies, has rocky soils, which causes the vines to struggle, putting all their effort into the fruit. This wine showcases Sonoma Carneros Pinot Noir at its finest.

TASTING NOTES

The nose comes on with intense dried strawberry, brown spices and some toasty sweet oak. The mouth continues and adds some black cherry, with bramble and a touch of cedar. The body is moderate with a smooth mouthfeel all the way to the bright finish.

Composition:

100% Estate Pinot Noir

Appellation:

Carneros

Harvest Dates: 8/19/15-8/31/15

TA: 0.55g/100mL

pH: 3.72 Alcohol: 14.5%



WINEMAKING NOTES

Individual vineyard lots were destemmed, partially crushed and cold-soaked for 2 days to extract color and flavors. Three times a day punchdown or pumpover schedule was tailored to each lot to extract the fruit characters. The juice is then barrel fermented and aged in French oak barrels with 42% new oak for 9 months.

VINTAGE NOTES

The spring of 2015 brought us very early bud break but fortunately no frost. Rainy weather during bloom which resulted in the vines setting a very small crop. The fruit ripened to a near record early harvest. With the small crop and good weather the vines produced grapes with excellent concentration and intense character.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Sweet oak and brown spices engage together with smoked Carnitas tamales with wild rice pilaf and dried cranberries. Black cherry and cedar blend together providing a profile fit for rack of lamb with roasted cherries and mint jelly. The toasted oak compliments aged hard cheeses such as Pecorino Romano, Gouda or Mezzo Secco.

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