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Wine Cellars



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**2015 PINOT NOIR**

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**RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

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**The Vintage:**

This historically low yielding vintage created wines of unparalleled weight. The fourth in a series of drought years in the west affected vine vigor and small crop levels never before seen. Warm dry weather was ideal for growing wine which brought in fruit with small bunches and shot berries. An early harvest usually means little fruit hang time which can beg the question of lack of flavor but the wines from this vintage are as flavorful as they are dense.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

Starting with the color of a shade or two short of ink this wine moves quickly to a kaleidoscopic of absolutely stunning aromatics of Mr. Lincoln roses, dried orange peel and hints of powdered sumac. An imposing effort, from the first sip it is immediately clear that this is a big and powerful wine that possesses outstanding mid-palate density. Dark currents, black cherry, black raspberry moves to just short of plum that shellacs the pallet in momentous proportions and then moves on to a long brooding finish.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: December 19, 2016  
Yield: 0.5 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.25 g/L  
pH: 3.51  
Alcohol: 14.3%  
Unfined/unfiltered

**Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Clone: 115 & 114

**Aging:**

Seventeen months in 60 gallon  
French oak barrels: 50% new;  
100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

**Harvest:**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> at 25.2 degree brix

**Winemaker: William Hunter**  
**Production: 150 cases**  
**Alcohol: 14.3%**

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