

BUCHER

2015 Pinot Noir Bucher Vineyard Russian River Valley Sonoma County

The Vineyard: Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher. After graduating from UC Davis, John returned to Healdsburg to manage the family dairy farm and soon diversified into wine grapes. Additional plantings followed in 1998, 1999, 2006, 2008, and 2009. Today, Bucher Vineyard has 38 acres of sustainably-farmed grapes – 36 acres of Pinot Noir on 14 distinct blocks and 2 acres of Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

Vintage Notes: Our 2015 Single Vineyard blend is made from eight clones that comes from 10 of our Pinot Noir blocks. Dijon 115 & 37 are the backbone of the blend, and are some of our earliest plantings from the South Hill and House Blocks. We also included fruit from a selection of our favorite Pommard blocks including the Raspberry, Tory's, West Pyramid, and Rock Ridge Blocks. We round out this complex blend with the Swan Clone from our Saddle Block, the Mt. Eden Clone from Frost Hill, and the Jackson Block (PN16).

Tasting Notes: Nuanced aromas of rose petal and cherry merge with traces of loam and oak to offer an enticing entry. Layers of concentrated flavors fill the palate with dark cherry, black raspberry, dried strawberry, pomegranate, cola and hints of leather, allspice and fine herbs. A floral note appears along with a touch of earth as the wine expands into a long finish.



Composition	100% Pinot Noir	Harvest Date	August 7 - 20, 2015
Vintage	2015	Brix	24.6° (average)
Appellation	Russian River Valley	Barrel Aging	10 months in French oak
Vineyard Designation	Bucher Vineyard	Cooperage	20% in new François Frères oak barrels, 80% 1-3 year French oak barrels
Block / Clones	House/115 South Hill/115 and Mt. Eden Raspberry/ Pommard West Pyramid/Pommard RockRidge/Pommard Tory's Block/Pommard Jackson/PN 16 Jackson Pear Tree Block/Dijon 667 Saddle Block/Swan Frost Hill/Mt. Eden	Bottling Date	July 25, 2016
		Alcohol	14.3%
		pH	3.75
		T.A.	0.54g/100mL
		Release Date	April 2017
		Production	490 cases

