

Emeritus Vineyards, Russian River Valley (Sonoma County, California) Pinot Noir Hallberg Ranch 2015 (\$44)

Emeritus is the project Brice Jones of Sonoma Cutrer fame, focused specifically on Pinot Noir. This is the home vineyard bottling, which greets you with a deep nose of black cherry, dry earth, touch rhubarb, and fall spice. The palate has a creamy entry with singing acidity, rich integration of the nose elements and a long finish that keeps it all together. This has holiday dinner written all over it -- you know the kind, where all the accompanying dishes need a wine that works, not just the meat.

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