



EMERITUS

Estate Grown Pinot Noir

**2015 EMERITUS VINEYARDS, HALLBERG RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED PINOT NOIR**

Vintage Notes:

The 2015 vintage was very different from the three previous bumper vintages. 2012 thru 2015 were all drought years and all had very nice summer and fall weather, but that is where the similarities end. In 2015 we had our earliest bud break to date because of a warm winter. During bloom, the weather was cold and cloudy which resulted in uneven fruit set. Even with that Hallberg Ranch showed no signs of water stress due to our practice of dry-farming. We had our earliest harvest ever which yielded very small, concentrated berries and lower yields than we've seen for many years.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

This vintage is the most serious and concentrated with intense colors and flavors; something we have come to expect and appreciate as a result of our dry farming practices. This wine has the signature cranberry, sour black cherry and dried orange rind aromas, complimented by lightly toasted nuts and licorice. Driven by black spice, earth and a hint of fresh tea leaf, the flavors of the many clones and blocks reveal themselves in multiple layers. The 2015 Hallberg Ranch is gorgeous now and will reward those who are able to wait.

—David Lattin



Appellation	Russian River Valley (Sebastopol)
Vineyard Source	Hallberg Ranch
Soil Series	Goldridge Sandy Loam underlain with Sebastopol Sandy Clay Loam
Varietals	Pinot Noir
Barrel Program	French Oak, 25% new, aged 10 months
SRP	\$44

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