

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. **94 Rich Cook**



Emeritus Vineyards, Sonoma Coast (Sonoma County, California)

Pinot Noir Pinot Hill Vineyard 2015 (\$67): This small site of Goldridge soils over Los Osos clay yielded less than a ton per acre in 2015, with very small bunches, which gives huge concentration to this wine, both on the nose and in the mouth. Tea, touch of menthol, deep cherry, cranberry, pomegranate, and a savory note are announced with confident authority in aroma and flavor, and the elements linger with good push and integration. A complex delight with age-worthy structure! **94 Rich Cook** Nov 20, 2018



Emeritus Vineyards, Sonoma Coast (Sonoma County, California)

Pinot Noir William Wesley Vineyard 2015 (\$75): This vineyard is near Annapolis on the Sonoma Coast, and sits above the fog line unlike Emeritus' other Pinot Noir sources. A steep site with a lot of sun exposure gives "more of everything" according to Mari Jones, and there is a great display of the sturdier tannin structure that you get from the smaller berries and thicker skins that the site's character develops. The resulting wine shows plush black cherry, fall spice and damp earth minerality, all well integrated and finishing well into the distance. This is the last William Wesley from Emeritus, so don't wait! **93 Rich Cook** Nov 20, 2018

