



# 2015 PINOT NOIR ANDERSON VALLEY ESTATE TANBARK MILL VINEYARD, PINOLE

WINEMAKER: Stéphane Vivier

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

CASE PRODUCTION: 216 (6/750ML)

**SOIL TYPE:** Pinole loam **BLOCKS:** 2, 3, and 10

**CLONES: 828 and Calera** 

**VITICULTURE:** Organically farmed using deficit irrigation

### FERMENTATION:

- Primary fermentation in open-top stainless steel
- 30% whole cluster
- 14 day maceration: full skin contact, cold soak, fermentation
- Full malolactic fermentation in oak

#### **ELEVAGE:**

- Minimal intervention
- Cooperage: 18 months in custom French oak; 25% new
- Coopers: François Fr res, Cavin, Tonnellerie Mercurey, Tremeaux
- Filtration: unfined and unfiltered

## WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

"Pinole comes from lighter loam soils of the Tanbark Mill Vineyard. Light ruby and translucent color with a floral perfume character. The palate offers depth of flavor, strength, a lot of minerality, and gorgeous fruit definition. The finish shows precision and elegance."

- Stéphane Vivier

## HARVEST NOTES:

An early bud break, one of the longest flowering periods in years, and a long growing season produced a vintage that shines in quality. Spring started fast and an early bloom was met with a dip in temperature, wind and rains, which slowed the development and reduced yields. The result was a small crop of extremely well-concentrated fruit that ripened fully and slowly before an early harvest in August.

#### LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egglaying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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