

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2015 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD: Comprised of two vineyards, The Confidant Vineyard lies on a western facing slope in northern Russian River giving it great sun exposure and concentrated fruit with smaller berries and intense color. Our second vineyard source is now the Dutton – Goff Whitton Vineyard located a couple miles southeast from our previous Dutton property the Barron Vineyard. The Dutton – Goff Whitton Vineyard offers better soils and better clonal selections.

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

GROWING SEASON NOTES: The 2015 vintage almost mirrored the 2014 vintage with a few more extremes. Winter was warmer and drier than normal, but then spring was damper and temperatures were a bit more erratic. Finally, in June the weather started cooperating leading to ideal conditions for an early harvest in September. Although a challenging vintage due to some weather extremes, mostly on the warm side, and the below average crop sizes. The attention to detail throughout the season and during crush, has led to some of the more concentrated and complex wines we have made.

HARVEST DATE: Confidant Vineyard September 7 – Dutton -Goff Whitton Vineyard September 8

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir - 52% Dutton – Goff Whitton Vineyard – 42% Confidant Vineyard

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 7 months in neutral French Oak. Aged on the lees, the barrels were stirred every two weeks during the first 4 months of aging to help build body and complexity. The wine was bottled on March 15, 2016.

TASTING NOTES: Fresh and delicate raspberry notes on the nose. The palate is smooth and creamy with strawberry short cake flavors complemented by hints of vanilla and touches of nutmeg. Delicious on its own as an aperitif, will pair well with your grilled summer meals and salads.

PRODUCTION:44 cases

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