

# FOG CREST

VINEYARD

*Fog Crest Vineyard is a family-owned winery in Sonoma County's highly regarded Russian River Valley Appellation. Our vineyard soils are dominated by the Wilson Grove formation, a sandstone ridge whose fine-grained marine sandstone soils are highly prized by ultra-premium winemakers. The Estate Vineyard is perfectly situated to take advantage of the regions cool coastal fog intrusions. The classic Goldridge soils, the vineyard's rolling hills and a south-eastern exposure combine to impart great depth, complexity and character to our Estate Wines.*

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## **2015 Fog Crest Vineyard Estate Pinot Noir Russian River Valley**

We strive to showcase our Estate Vineyard's incredible and unique nature as we endeavor to remain mindful stewards of the land. Sustainable farming methods are practiced to respect the neighboring Laguna de Santa Rosa, Sonoma's richest area of wildlife habitat and the most biologically diverse region of our county.

### ***Vintage Notes***

The Two-Thousand-Fifteen growing season in the Russian River Valley began in late winter due to unseasonably warm and dry conditions leading to an early bud-break. While winter brought hot weather, a cooldown occurred in spring resulting in some shatter, which lowered yields. The lighter fruit set gave way to an increased concentration of flavors in the berries' showing a unique balance of acidity and structure. Despite the warm weather, a long growing season offset the temperatures, producing a velvety and complex Pinot Noir.

### ***Tasting Notes***

Our 2015 Estate Pinot Noir offers sumptuous aromas of red raspberry, Bing cherry and cocoa that will leave your senses satisfied. These vibrant red berry flavors are echoed on the lush palate, where they mingle with notes of forest-floor earthliness and vanilla with subtle undertones of allspice—displaying a bright ruby color. With vibrant acidity, the mouthfeel is layered with fine-grained tannins intertwining gracefully with the structure ending in a silky finish.

**Appellation:** *Russian River Valley*

**Varietal Composition:** *100% Pinot Noir*

**Aging:** *11 months*

**Barrels:** *100% French Oak; 50% New*

**Alcohol:** *13.5%*

**Cases Produced:** *120*

**Bottling Date:** *August 2016*

**Suggested Retail:** *\$59*

**Winemaker:** *Jérôme Chéry*

