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2015
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Coming from a coastal site just four miles off the Pacific, the 2015 Chardonnay Far Coast Vineyard was barrel fermented and aged 16 months in 43% new French oak. Buttered citrus, lemon, honeysuckle, white flowers, and building, salty minerality all emerge from this awesomely concentrated, deep, layered, and structured Chardonnay. This is a powerhouse. Full-bodied, opulent, concentrated, yet with bright acidity and perfect balance, it's an incredible effort and one of the finest Chardonnays out there.

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2015 Seascape Vineyard Sonoma Coast CHARDONNAY Another huge, yet elegant Chardonnay, the 2015 Chardonnay Seascape Vineyard boasts a deeper gold color to go with a powerful, deep bouquet of buttered citrus, tangerine, baking spice, and awesome salty minerality. With full-bodied richness, a layered, seamless, incredibly pure and precise texture, and a huge finish, this is another incredible Chardonnay from this team. The Seascape Vineyard is located on a panoramic ridge-top west of the town of Occidental facing Bodega Bay and the Pacific Ocean, and this 2015 was barrel fermented and aged 16 months in 42% new French oak.

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2015 Stone Côte Vineyard Sonoma Coast CHARDONNAY From blocks in the Durrell vineyard (the parcel is rolled river rocks soils), the 2015 Chardonnay Stone Côte Vineyard offers a medium gold color as well as a sensational bouquet of ripe, caramelized citrus, crushed rocks, tangerine, and marine/seashell-like aromas and flavors. Aged 16 months in 37% new French oak, it's deep, rich, and thrillingly textured, with bright, juicy acidity keeping it vibrant and focused. It's a stunning Chardonnay to drink over the coming decade.

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FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2015 Chardonnay Fog Dance Vineyard comes from a hillside parcel in the cooler Green Valley portion of the Russian River. Barrel fermented and aged 16 months in 36% new French oak, it offers a huge nose of orange blossom, tangerines, and citrus oil, full body, a crisp, beautifully detailed, delineated texture, good acidity, and a big finish. Drink this elegant yet powerful Russian River Chardonnay over the coming 5-7 years. It's terrific stuff.

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2015
Three Jacks Vineyard
Green Valley of the
Russian River Valley
CHARDONNAY

From the Green Valley portion of the Russian River Valley, the 2015 Chardonnay Three Jacks Vineyard was barrel fermented and aged in a mix of new and used French oak. Mango, Meyer lemon, ripe pineapple, and hints of toast all emerge from this seriously rich, concentrated, unctuous effort. A blend of four different clones, it's a full-bodied Chardonnay that has moderate acidity, yet still stays pure, elegant, and clean, with a killer finish.

95+

Jennifer's Vineyard Russian River Valley CHARDONNAY The 2015 Chardonnay Jennifer's comes from a site south of Sebastopol, which is a cooler terroir. Harvest is normally 3-4 weeks later than what they find in the Russian River Valley. All from Wente clone and brought up in just 28% new French oak, it has a vibrant freshness and purity, with lots of salty minerality in its mango, orange blossom, caramelized citrus all soaring from the glass. Fresh, lively and pure, with remarkable purity and elegance, it's going to keep for a decade as well.

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2015
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

The 2015 Pinot Noir Far Coast Vineyard is another spectacular effort from this estate. Sourced from a block located on a mountain ridge north of Fort Ross in the Sonoma Coast AVA, at an elevation between 800 and 1,000 feet, it was completely destemmed, spent 16 months in 35% new French oak and was bottled unfined and unfiltered. It offers an extraordinary La Tâche-like bouquet of black raspberries, kirsch, Asian spices, dried flowers, violets, and crushed rocks. Deep, medium to full-bodied, awesomely textured and seamless, it has nicely integrated acidity, no hard edges, perfect balance, and a singular personality. It's a fabulous expression of the Sonoma Coast that will keep for upwards of two decades.

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2015 Jennifer's Vineyard Russian River Valley PINOT NOIR From a cooler, windy site south of Sebastopol, the 2015 Pinot Noir Jennifer's is a bigger, richer, structured effort. Blackcurrants, black cherries, graphite, scorched earth and beautiful violet notes give way to a concentrated, fresh, tannic Pinot Noir that certainly has the fruit and texture to shine now but will be even better in 2-3 years.

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2015 MacLean's Block Russian River Valley PINOT NOIR Also from the Green Valley portion of the Russian River Valley, from two separate blocks in the vineyard, the 2015 Pinot Noir MacLean's Block offers ample black cherries, exotic darker fruits, some toasty oak, medium to full body, and a lush, rounded, deep style on the palate. This cuvée sees a touch of whole cluster inclusion and is aged in 29% new French oak. Give this savory, rich, concentrated (masculine even) Pinot Noir a few years and enjoy over the following decade.

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SEASCAPE VINEYARD Sonoma Coast PINOT NOIR Black cherries, currants, forest floor, and beautiful baking spice notes all emerge from the 2015 Pinot Noir Seascape Vineyard. Made mostly from Dijon clone, destemmed and brought up in 26% new barrels, this medium to full-bodied, deep, rich, and gorgeously layered Pinot Noir has rounded, supple tannins, a silky texture, and a great, great finish. It's beautiful now but should keep for a decade.

VELVET SISTERS VINEYARD Anderson Valley PINOT NOIR Coming from a site on the northern end of Anderson Valley, the 2015 Pinot Noir Velvet Sisters (from a mix of Dijon clones) was completely destemmed and spent 16 months in just under 30% new French oak. It has a rich, broad, expansive blue-fruited bouquet of spiced plums, blueberries, vanilla, and dried flowers. One of the richer, more full-bodied, opulent and sexy wines in the lineup, it's ideal for drinking over the coming decade.

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2015 ARRENDELL VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR From the oldest vines planted in the 1970s, the 2015 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard is a perfumed, spicy wine that's just singing on the nose. Ripe cherries, raspberries, candied orange, and exotic spices give way to a medium to full-bodied, supple, seamless Pinot Noir. It has bright acidity, sweet, vibrant, fruit, notable tannin, and a great finish. Like a lot of the wines here, it has the fruit to shine, but this is certainly one of the more structured and tannic wines in the lineup.

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2015 Hailey's Block RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR From the cooler Green Valley region of the Russian River, the 2015 Pinot Noir Hailey's Block was completely destemmed and spent 16 months in 27% new French oak. Hailey's Block is a block within the Arrendell Vineyard, named after Don and Jennifer Hartford's daughter. It's another beautifully Burgundian wine from this estate that offers crisp black cherry, crushed rock, charcoal, and wood smoke aromas and flavors. It's fresh, focused, and youthful, with fine tannin and high yet integrated acidity. Give it a year or three and it will keep for a decade or more.

2015 Land's Edge Vineyard Sonoma Coast PINOT NOIR

The 2015 Pinot Noir Land's Edge Vineyards comes from the Seascape and Far Coast vineyard on the Sonoma Coast. It was completely destemmed, spent 11 months in 34% new French oak and was bottled unfined and unfiltered. This beauty offers a darker slant in its black cherries, blackberry, sous bois, spring flowers, and damp earth-like aromas and flavors. These carry to a deep, rich, seamless Pinot Noir that has remarkable purity, a layered texture, and a great finish. It picks up a touch of marine and ocean-like salinity with time in the glass and is a rich, complex, complete Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. Drink it over the coming 8-10 years.

2015 Muldane Trail Vineyard Anderson Valley PINOT NOIR Brought up in 48% new French oak, sourced from a higher elevation vineyard on the southern end of the Anderson Valley, the 2015 Pinot Noir Muldune Trail offers a Burgundian bouquet of ripe black cherries, currants, scorched earth, forest floor, and Asian spices. It's complex, beautifully concentrated and opulent, with a powerful, full-bodied profile. Possessing moderate acidity, drink this pleasure-bent beauty over the coming 7-8 years.

2015 Marin Vineyard PINOT NOIR Marin County lies to the north of San Francisco, just across the Golden Gate Bridge and goes up to Bodega Bay. This is a cool, foggy region and the 2015 Pinot Noir Marin County was destemmed and spent 16 months in 32% new French oak. Cranberries, white cherries, spice, bay leaf, and sassafras notes all flow to a beautifully balanced, medium-bodied Pinot Noir that shines for its complexity and nuance. It's one of the fine, ethereal wines in the lineup, yet doesn't lack for intensity or depth. It's going to keep for 10-12 years.



2016

HIGHWIRE VINEYARD Russian River Valley ZINFANDEL

The 2016 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard is drop dead gorgeous! Black raspberries, potpourri, toasty oak, and cedar characteristics all soar from the glass. While it seems masculine and a little backward on the nose, this beauty hits the palate with awesome purity and elegance, fine tannin, no hard edges, and a beautiful finish. It has acidity, it has tannin, it has balance, and everything else I was looking for. It's one of the top Zinfandels in the vintage!

2016 FANUCCHI WOOD VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ZINFANDEL Blueberries, hints of cassis, black cherries, crushed flowers, and spice characteristics emerge from the 2016 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard, which has a little more Petite Sirah in the blend than the Highwire cuvée. Ripe, sexy, and voluptuous, with full body, a plump, rounded mid-palate, and a killer finish, it's another awesome Zinfandel from this estate that's going to age beautifully for a decade or more.

2015 Russian River Valley ZINFANDEL

The inky colored 2016 Zinfandel Russian River Valley Old Vine is a blend from all five of the vineyards they use for their single vineyard Zinfandels. Blueberries, blood orange, violets, and exotic spice notes, medium body, beautiful mid-palate depth, and sweet tannin all define this juicy, undeniably delicious beauty. Drink it over the coming 7-8 years.