

## The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Marin County

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH:

3.46

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:

 $5.8 \, \mathrm{g/L}$ 

AGED IN OAK:

50% New

ORIGIN OF OAK:

French

MONTHS IN BARREL:

16

PRODUCTION:

123 cases

# 2015 MARIN COUNTY PINOT NOIR

#### IN THE VINEYARD

With the Pacific Ocean to the west and the San Francisco Bay to the east, Marin County is one of the coolest AVAs in California. The winter temperatures are typically warmer than Napa and Sonoma because of the surrounding bodies of water and its heavy precipitation. While bud break is accelerated, the cool spring and summer seasons lead to long hang times. This longer growing season lends itself to high quality wines with balance, natural acidity, and lower alcohol levels.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes for this cool climate Pinot Noir are from the Corda Vineyard in the northernmost reaches of the Marin County appellation that border the Petaluma Gap. The grapes were hand harvested and fermented in a combination of small, open top fermenters with hand punchdowns before being aged in 100% French oak barrels 50% new for 16 months.

#### TASTING NOTES

Bringing together the best fruit from our Marin County growing partners, this captivating Pinot Noir opens with enticing red berry aromas and hints of cocoa. Upon the palate, ripe, rich flavors of strawberry and raspberry with a touch of vanilla offer succulent, soft tannins and well-balance acidity that leads to a long finish. A perfect pairing with a variety of culinary creations!

Jean-Charles Boisset Proprietor

Veau Charles Boinet

Brian Maloney Winemaker