

VINICULTURAL SOCIETY

2015 BELA'S PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SONOMA COUNTY

he Buena Vista Vinicultural Society, formed in 1863 by the winery's founder, Count Agoston Haraszthy to further improve its winemaking prowess and expand its vineyards, has been restored as a collection of unique small-production wines that honor the winery's pioneering spirit and contribution to California winemaking. The Vinicultural Society explores clonal selections, varietals and the incredible terroir of Northern California.



Named for Count Haraszthy's youngest son, Bela's Selection Pinot Noir hails from two vineyards in the Sebastopol Hills area of the Russian River Valley. Planted to clones 115, 667, Pommard and 23, the vineyards are farmed for their perfect Pinot Noir growing conditions and excellent terroir.

Once harvested, the whole berries were fermented in small open-top oak vats with hand punch downs, and stirred on the lees. The wine was aged for 14 months in 100% French oak barrels, 35% new oak, and bottled unfiltered.

Our 2015 Bela's Selection Pinot Noir opens with stunning aromatic notes of blackberry and cardamom, enticing the palate. Richly layered flavors of cherry and raspberry are accented by spicy notes of candied orange peel and nutmeg. Soft and spreading across the palate, this wine has good structure and balanced acidity that lead to a plush mouthfeel and lingering finish.

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.5 Total Acidity: 6.4

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