

Ernest Vineyards

Grand Vent Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015

Petaluma Gap

The Wrangler

THE VINEYARD: Wind dictates everything at this 15-acre vineyard in Sonoma County. The parcel sits in the mouth of the Petaluma Gap, where a blend of unique terroir, cool climate, and consistent wind yields long hang times that allow flavors to mature slowly and steadily. The majority of the vineyard is Pinot Noir with clones of Pommard 4, Dijon 113, and 667. In his book, *A New California Wine*, Jon Bonne describes the vineyard as “perhaps the most challenging vineyards [in all of California].” Considering the intense flavors of the grapes from this location, we’re happy to take on the challenge of working with grapes farmed from here.

LABEL STORY: Erin’s great aunt, Mary Ellen “Dude” Barton, an honoree in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, inspires *The Wrangler* as a true original. Fittingly, this wine expresses the personality of Pinot Noir with strength and precision. She competed against the men and usually won.

TASTING NOTES: Dense coloration hints at the intensity of this bold and enticing Pinot Noir with intriguing sappy aromas that include wild berries, rose hips and wet earth. The palate is lush yet savory with balanced acidity and present tannins with notes of dried herbs, forest floor and a touch of tanned leather.

AGING: 37% NEW FRENCH OAK, 13 MONTHS

CASES PRODUCED: 274

ALC. BY VOL: 12.9

RATING: 91+ WA

