



2015 East Rincon Vineyard Pinot Noir Arroyo Grande Valley



Yields in 2015 in Coastal San Luis Obispo County were the lowest since 2011 due to inclement spring weather which caused poor fruit set, as well as the effects of the ongoing drought. Warm and dry summer conditions coupled with the small yield, resulted in an early harvest which was completed in our estate vineyards on September 22, 2015. The wines produced in 2015 are similar to those produced in the immediately preceding vintages of 2013 and 2014, emphasizing harmony and balanced acidity, though with more concentration and structured tannins due to the low yields.

- ◆ Produced entirely from estate grown pinot noir grapes from the East Rincon Vineyard
- ◆ Hand-harvested August 18 - 24, 2015
- ◆ The average yield was 1.66 tons per acre
- ◆ Fermented with native yeast in 1.5 ton fermenters with about 10% whole cluster
- ◆ Aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 22% one year old oak
- ◆ 204 cases bottled in March 2017 without filtration
- ◆ 13.2% alcohol

The East Rincon Vineyard rises above the Talley Vineyards winery and is almost entirely planted to Chardonnay. The tiny sections of pinot noir planted in 1984 on calcareous clay and weathered sandstone produce some of the most refined wines in the Talley Vineyards portfolio.

The 2015 vintage of East Rincon Vineyard Pinot Noir is marked by a beautiful ruby hue. Violet and baking spice aromas on the nose are complemented by a slight herbal undertone. The palate offers notes of dark cherry, tart plum, and baked blueberry. With bright acidity and good structure, try this pinot noir with prime rib or pork tenderloin.