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LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

PROPRIETORS DON & RHONDA CARANO

2015

ESTATE PINOT NOIR

Anderson Valley

APPELLATION
Anderson Valley

VARIETAL
100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE
54% new French oak
46% older French oak

TASTING NOTES

Located just off the coastal region of Mendocino County, peaceful and bucolic Anderson Valley has warm, sunny days, foggy mornings and cool nights that create the ideal microclimate for producing the Lazy Creek Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir. This delicious, sustainably-farmed wine has aromas of perfumed blackberry with floral and spice notes of cinnamon, clove and anise. Dark fruit flavors of blueberry and black plum lead to a rich mid palate with complex mineral notes and a lingering fruit finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

Our low-yielding vineyard of Pinot Noir grapes is comprised of Heritage and Dijon clones said to be one of the oldest vineyards in Anderson Valley. A mild winter and warm spring led to an early bud break in March. Cool temperatures in May extended the bloom period, which was interrupted by a late, spring rain. Ongoing drought conditions coupled with a light crop led to an early harvest that began on September 2 and ended September 14.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The hand-harvested grapes for this Pinot Noir are fermented in macrobins and small, open-top tanks. After a three day cold soak at 50 degrees Fahrenheit to optimize fruit aromas and flavors, various yeast strains are introduced for complexity. Fermentors are punched down one to three times per day. Wines are pressed when dry and then racked to barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The final blend was assembled in July and bottled in August.

FOOD PAIRINGS

The Lazy Creek Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir is delicious paired with braised meats, fowl, veal, salmon, lobster and prawns. Medium-textured soups and stews are also complementary. For cheese pairings with our Pinot Noir, try Gruyère, Gouda, French chèvre, Comté, Edam or a light Cheddar.

WINE INFORMATION

Bottled: August 2016, Alcohol/pH/TA: 14.4%/3.75/0.56, Cases: 286



Lazy Creek Vineyards is a Certified California Sustainable Vineyard & Winery

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