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LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

PROPRIETORS DON & RHONDA CARANO

2015

“FIVE BARREL”
PINOT NOIR

Anderson Valley

APPELLATION

Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

COOPERAGE

48% new French oak
52% older French oak

TASTING NOTES

Located just off the coastal region of Mendocino County, peaceful and bucolic Anderson Valley has warm, sunny days and cool, foggy mornings that create the ideal microclimate for producing this exclusive, limited bottling Lazy Creek Vineyards “Five Barrel” Pinot Noir. This un-fined, unfiltered Pinot Noir is a blend of our five favorite barrels from two blocks on our estate ranch. Offering heady, complex aromas of wild berry, anise laced cherry, acai, spice and rose petal, the flavors entice with a dense core of rich boysenberry, black plum and blueberry complemented by hints of licorice, oak and black tea. Balanced and rich, this wine builds intensity through to the complex, lingering finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

A mild winter and warm spring led to an early bud break in March. Cool temperatures in May extended the bloom period, but was interrupted by spring rain. Ongoing drought conditions, coupled with a light crop led to an early harvest that began on September 2 and ended on September 14.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The hand-harvested grapes for this Pinot Noir are fermented in macrobins and small, open-top tanks. Lots are cold soaked for two to three days to optimize fruit aromas and flavors, and various yeast strains are used 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, then barrel aged for 11 months.

FOOD PAIRINGS

This wine is delicious with braised meats, fowl, veal, salmon, lobster and prawns. Medium-textured soups and stews are also complementary. For delicious 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: 14.5%/3.70/0.60, Cases: 115



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