



APPELLATION: Napa Valley

COMPOSITION: 100% Pinot Noir

AGING: 11 months, 39% New oak
(100% French)

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

T.A.: 0.53 g / 100ml

PH: 3.65

HARVEST DATE:
August 21–September 9, 2015

RELEASE DATE: May 2018

CASES: 2,000 (12-pack cases)

VINEYARD

Grapes for the Napa Cellars 2015 Pinot Noir were sourced exclusively from premier vineyards in the southern part of Napa Valley, where the San Pablo Bay creates a cool, maritime climate. Morning fog rolls across the vines, ushering in the cool breezes ideal for growing delicate, flavorful Pinot Noir. The vines here produce complex, layered fruit that translates to an earthy minerality and exceptional natural acidity in the glass.

WINEMAKING

Once harvested, the grapes were carefully sorted, de-stemmed and gently crushed. During a 6 to 8 day maceration period, Délestage—the process of removing the grape seeds and allowing the juice to remain in contact with the skins—was employed. This technique helped to release the aromatic character of the fruit, enhance the color and flavor of the wine, and create soft, round tannins. Following fermentation, the wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels for 11 months.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Napa Cellars 2015 Pinot Noir is an elegant wine that delivers beautiful aromas of black cherry, blueberry, and an earthy herbaceous dried tea character that is complimented by a hint of cola, black pepper, and light spiciness. Abundant flavors of tart cherry, underlying eucalyptus and smoky–vanilla are framed by notes of mocha barrel toast. This well structured wine opens with a soft front but holds together with firm acidity and finishes strong with a long, lingering finish. For a delicious meal, pair this Pinot with garlic and herb roasted pork tenderloin, followed by dark chocolate mousse for dessert.

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