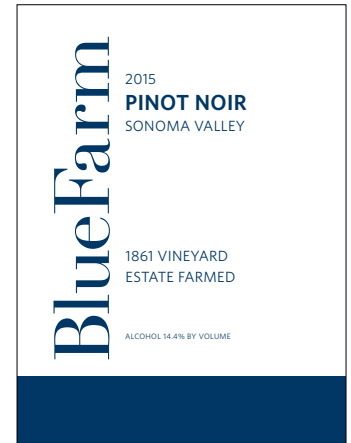


2015 Pinot Noir, 1861 Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

Case Production: 46 SRP: \$95

This vineyard is named both for its street address and coincidentally for the year in which Agoston Haraszthy was appointed by California's governor to "promote the improvement and growth of the grapevine" in the state.

The 1861 vineyard is planted on a plateau in the hills, a thousand feet above the Sonoma Plaza. Less than half an acre, the small site divides itself naturally into two blocks, one rockier than the other. The site is planted to the Pommard clone and on 101-14 rootstock with a narrow spacing of 4' x 5'. |Marine influence from both the Pacific Ocean and San Pablo Bay, combined with frequently foggy mornings, allow the delicate pinot noir grapes to thrive in this rugged hillside setting.



Closest Town: Downtown Sonoma

Clone(s): Pommard

Aspect: Southern

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Rootstock: 101-14

Row Orientation: South/North

Planted: 2008

Soil Type: Rocky Loam

The Vintage

2015 marked California's fifth year of drought, seeing essentially no rain during the summer and fall. Following the trend of 2014, bud break was very early, and the season was well underway by mid-March. Early flowering in April coincided with some very unsettled weather. Wild, seesawing swings in temperature led to shatter as flowering was interrupted, and some vineyards saw crops reduced by as much as 75%. This weather gave way to a fairly mild and even summer until August, when heat spikes returned and saw several spikes in which temperatures reached triple digits. At Blue Farm we were relatively fortunate both in quantity and quality. Overall the quality was very high in 2015, and the wines have plenty of structure indicating they should age well.

Vintage: 2015

Barrel Program: 66% New Atellier, Cadus

Harvest Date: August 31st

Bottling Date: April 2017

Harvest Brix: 24.8

Bottling % Alcohol: 14.4

Harvest pH: 3.6

Case Production: 46

Harvest TA: 6.1

SRP: \$95

Blue Farm

Founded on Anne Moller-Racke's 30-plus years of winegrowing in Sonoma, Blue Farm was conceptualized in 2001 during her planting of Anne Katherina, Blue Farm's first estate vineyard. Blue Farm believes that an intimate understanding and connection to our vineyards is core to making site-specific Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs of the highest quality.

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