

# 2015 "Deux Verres" Reserve Pinot Noir

Production: 200 cases Bottled: August 23, 2017

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## The Vintage:

The 2015 growing season started with an early bud break in April after a dry and mild winter. We had an early, dry spring, which triggered a fast-moving bloom. Summer consisted of a very dry summer; we had twenty-six days above 90 degrees, including seven days over 100 degrees, as well as twenty-six days without rain in June and only 0.4 inches in July and August. By early August, we knew harvest would start in early September. September did cool down which slowed sugar accumulation and allowed for greater development. Harvest began at Torii Mor on September 12th and lasted until October 5th. Despite the lack of rainfall, the vines stayed green and healthy all through harvest. The clusters were plump and heavy, with larger than normal size berries, which resulted in a harvest of a 25%-30% extra crop over the already high estimation for the year.

## The Vineyard:

Six vineyards are represented in the 2015 Deux Verres Pinot Noir: Alloro Vineyard, Bella Vida Vineyard, La Colina Vineyard La Dolce Vita Vineyard, Olson Estate Vineyard, and Winkler Vineyard.

### The Cellar:

Harvested between September 13 and 27, the 2015 Deux Verres Pinot noir was hand sorted, fermented in small fermenters with no whole clusters for 15 to 29 days without cold soak, 3 punch downs a day, pressed very gently, and racked to a variety of French oak barrels: 15.79% one year old, 10.53% two year old and the rest neutral. The barrels were racked in March then again in August when the blend was put together before returning to neutral barrels for a total of 22 months.

### The Wine:

The 2015 Deux Verres aroma is forward, very rich, with sweet, concentrated dark cherries and inviting sweet fresh fruited-floral-earthy notes. The flavors are bright, sweet and soft, with juicy, concentrated layers of red, dark cherries, blueberries and complex earth-dark berries notes. The texture is sweet with soft and rich silky tannins that add to the creaminess of the wine. The finish is long with fruity layers of black cherries intermingled with concentrated red berries, floral notes and light earthy notes,. This elegant and graceful wine can be enjoyed today without decanting. This wine doesn't need decanting and can be enjoyed now.

#### Wine Data:

pH 3.57 Total acidity (T.A.) 0.60gr/100ml Residual sugar (R.S.) 0.2gr/100ml Alcohol 13.7%