

2015

WALALA VINEYARD
Pinot Noir

VINEYARD NOTES

Walala comes from the Kashaya Pomo Indian saying, “where the water flows down,” a reference to the local Gualala River nearby town of Gualala, which resides at the mouth of the river. Perched atop a ridge along the Sonoma Coast, just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean, the Walala Vineyard resides in what is often referred to as the “True” Sonoma Coast AVA. This heavily maritime-influenced vineyard is on the extreme edge of the Pinot Noir viticulture.

A 17-acre vineyard, Walala lies in the middle of 19,000 acres of pristine forestland, where at 1,200 feet, a world-class Pinot Noir is produced. Goldridge fine, sandy loam, and gravelly Hugo loam soils comprise this well-drained vineyard Estate.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage proceeded with dry weather, extending our drought for its fourth year. High temperatures started the year, causing early flowering mirroring the previous growing season. In spring the climate changed dramatically, heavy winds and cool spells hit. The effects of this caused fruit set to be extremely variable and by July we were ready for harvest. We picked earlier than ever and brought in grapes by August. Overall, the effect of early budbreak and weather was our yields were down 25%. While this isn't great for the amount of wine we can produce, what was left turned out to be fantastic. Small, concentrated berries allowed us to create richly flavored and textured wines. Like many things in life, the 2015 vintage demonstrated the beauty of the adage “less is more”.



THREE STICKS



APPELLATION:	WHOLE CLUSTER:	ALCOHOL CONTENT:
Sonoma Coast	25%	14.4%
VARIETAL CONTENT:	BARREL AGING:	PRODUCTION:
100% Pinot Noir	15 Months	218 Cases
CLONES:	BARREL COMPOSITION:	RELEASE DATE:
828, 777, 115	100% French Oak, 55% New	August 15, 2017
SOIL:	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):	
Luaghlin Loam, Hugo gravelly loam	5.9 g/L	
FERMENTATION:	PH:	
Open Top Fermenters	3.52	

We believe in stewardship of the land, the vineyards, and the people. We are for real connections, real history, real wines; experiences you will never forget. We welcome you to our home, the Adobe, for an historic tasting in Sonoma.