

MAGGY HAWK

ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Jolie

2015

OVERVIEW

Adversity often brings greatness to Pinot Noir, the most difficult of grapes to master. Greatness also arises in champion racehorses, something proprietor Barbara Banke recognized and celebrates in the gifted Maggy Hawk, a winning thoroughbred honored with this Pinot Noir effort from the deep end of Mendocino's Anderson Valley, mere moments from the Pacific Ocean. Each wine in the series is named for a horse born to Maggy Hawk, extending her legacy to greater lengths.

HARVEST NOTES

As the fourth excellent harvest in a row in Northern California, 2015 can be defined as intense and short, with the earliest harvest recorded in many years. The intensity of this early harvest is mirrored in the concentration of the resulting wines. Jolie was picked over three days, September 18th, 21st and 24th to capture the varying attributes of the 115 clone in different stages of development from tea leaf and floral notes to riper berry and richer tones.

WINEMAKING

Beginning with a five-day cold soak, this wine utilized the slow-moving AMH yeast that effectively carried the fermentation for two weeks in tank. Punch-downs were performed one-to-three times daily to aid in the extraction of flavors and color profile desirable for Pinot Noir. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was racked into a blend and began its aging regime until bottling in the following winter.

TASTING NOTES

Extraordinary aromas of pomegranate, anise, cranberry and black tea explode on the nose and continue onto the pallet with flavors of wild strawberry, hints of lavender, cacao nibs and delicately structured with fresh acidity.

Pedigree

VARIETY	100% Pinot Noir
CLONE	115
PH	3.68
TA	0.56
ALCOHOL	14.5%
AGING	16 months French oak, 65% new
CASES PRODUCED	641