

MAGGY HAWK

ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Stormin'

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. Stormin' was picked in a single day on September 23rd.

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

The 2015 Stormin' is an intensely perfumed wine with ripe raspberry, sandalwood and baking spices on the nose. This opulent nose is mirrored on the dense but refined palate with sumptuous flavors of brambly berry, espresso bean and dark chocolate. This is a wine that will evolve and unveil new layers as it ages in the bottle, or as it opens up in your glass.

Pedigree

VARIETY	100% Pinot Noir
CLONE	667
PH	3.78
TA	0.52
ALCOHOL	14.5%
AGING	16 months French oak, 59% new
CASES PRODUCED	223