

2015 PINOT NOIR

FE CIEGA

STA RITA HILLS

254 CASES PRODUCED

Located on the very cool western side of Santa Rita Hills, Fe Ciega Vineyard (Spanish for blind faith) consistently produces profound pinot noir. I don't like to say I have favorites, but this vineyard is dear to my heart. With a fabulously complex aroma, dark color, and a huge impactful flavor, this wine is never shy, and particularly in a drought vintage like 2015.

While some other vineyards had unusually generous yields because of the ideal warm conditions during flowering, Fe Ciega suffered from the lack of rainfall. The vines grew with a decided lack of vigor and set a poor crop. Harvest weather was hot and we had to move quickly to capture the fruit before it turned to raisins, but we did it! And that meager crop gave us a wine of intensity and persistence.

As usual, Fe Ciega delivers lots of fruits and spices, but also a charmingly original rustic character that's quite beguiling. The flavors are robust and fresh and the wine drinks well now, however time is on its side.

BLEND 100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD Fe Ciega

LOCATION Santa Rita Hills

ALCOHOL 13%

VINIFICATION Open top fermentation with 15% whole clusters

BARREL AGING 15 Months in French oak barrels, 20% new

TOTAL PRODUCTION 254 Cases

PRESS REVIEWS

Jeb Dunnuck

"One of my favorites in the lineup was the 2015 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega, which comes from a terrific site in the Sta. Rita Hills. Offering terrific, fruit forward notes of framboise, ripe cherries, spice and flowers all flow from this classic, elegant Pinot Noir. It has a sappy, grippy style, plenty of salty minerality and fine tannin. Give it a year " - JD 94 Points

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