

# 2015 PINOT NOIR

BLOOMSFIELD VINEYARD

STA. RITA HILLS

67 CASES PRODUCED

Bloom's Field is sort of a new wine for us; for two years we made Pinot Noir from the La Cote parcel within Sashi Moorman and Raj Parr's Domaine De La Cote vineyard, but in 2015 I was curious about the nearby Bloom's Field block and took a stab at that.

The La Cote bottlings could be likened to fascinating, soft-spoken introverts. This Bloom's Field, on the other hand, ended up being a court holding, outward and impactful kind of wine. And an okay athlete could whack a golf ball from one site to another—curiouser and curiouser, as it goes with grape growing!

This 2015 pinot is packed with dense, knockout fruit—think small juicy organic strawberries, dark cherries, raspberries and ruby red grapefruit, laced with streaks of warm earth and savory herbs. The deep garnet color foreshadows the intensity of the wine, which swells and coats the palate with generous texture and flavor. It's big and voluptuous no doubt, but there's no excess fat or more oak than my usual regime, and the steady propulsion of acidity keeps the wine thrilling rather than ponderous.

The forward flavors and fleshy textures will tempt many to drink it now, but a few years (or a at least a good decanting) will take this to another level. When Helen and I shared a bottle recently it was the final pours that showed the most elegance and purity, and not because of any austerity at first; it's just so exuberant now that patience will be best for revealing its finer, subtler charms.

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**BLEND** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARD** Bloomsfield

**LOCATION** Santa Rita Hills

**ALCOHOL** 12.5%

**VINIFICATION** 100% Neutral French Oak

**BARREL AGING** 15 Months

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## PRESS REVIEWS

### Antonio Galloni's Vinous

"The 2015 Pinot Noir Bloom's Field is a wine of pedigree and nuance. There is a real sense of aromatic and flavor intensity lurking behind the tannins. Pliant, textured and fleshy, the 2015 has it all. Readers will have to give the wine at least a few years for it to be at its best. Even today, though, the 2015 is a total knockout.." - AG **94+ Points**

### Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2015 Pinot Noir Blooms Field is fresh and sappy, with lots of bright cherry, violets, flowers and hints of darker fruits on the nose. Like all the wines here, it has a distinct saltiness, and it's beautifully concentrated and rich, with a great finish. This is a serious wine." - JD **94 Points**

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