



## 2015 Pinot Noir Klopp Ranch

**ORIGIN:** Ted and Lauren Klopp, a father-daughter team, have been farming in the Russian River Valley for over two decades. Their home ranch is off of Laguna Road, where the vines are tucked away in the nook of a foggy valley. Our rows are planted to the Pommard clone in rich, fertile Goldridge soil, where the vines produce small, intensely flavorful clusters of grapes.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** The Pommard clusters we see off of this ranch are notoriously small with small berries. In 2015, the yields were extremely low across all clones in all of Sonoma County. We were down to only 25% of the tonnage expected. This resulted in a level of concentration and density that we have never seen before. With such a low amount of fruit on the vines, the harvest date was much earlier than in previous years. The grapes from Klopp Ranch were harvested by hand in the cool evening hours of August 29th, 2015.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** The fruit was gently destemmed into small open-top fermenters, using state-of-the-art equipment and procedures to avoid any pumping of the must. Inoculation with select yeast strains followed a three-day cold soak, and the caps were managed with a combination of pumpovers and punchdowns. This wine was aged for ten months in 100% once used (one-year-old) French oak barrels, with bottling on August 2nd, 2016.

**TASTING NOTES:** Klopp Ranch Pinot Noir displays a concentration and depth that is awe-inspiring. This Pinot Noir has a beautifully complex nose, with seductive blueberry and lilac flowers. On the palate, broad, mouth-filling flavors of blackberry and cocoa are underscored by soft, velvety tannins, which complete the rich mouthfeel of this memorable wine.

This vintage produced 110 (9L) cases, 4 barrels.

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