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FAMILY VINEYARDS



## 2015 ALEXIS SKYE

SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

Named for Lance Ellmans' daughter, Alexis, the fruit for the 2015 Alexis Skye Pinot Noir comes from Claire's Vineyard. Situated in the Sonoma Coast AVA, the climate provides moderating coolness from the coastal fog which is ideal for growing premium Pinot Noir.

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VINTAGE:	2015
VINEYARDS:	Catie's Corner and Sangiacomo Roberts Road
VARIETALS:	100% Pinot Noir
CASE PRODUCTION:	275 cases
AGING:	14 months in 55% new French Oak
RETAIL PRICE:	\$55.00

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## TASTING NOTES

While 2015 was the most intense period of drought in California history, this was good news for wine quality. Vines struggled, and produced a limited crop—with small berries and vibrant acidity—throughout Napa and Sonoma. The resulting wines are dark, highly aromatic, and varietally pure. The perfume and delicacy of Pinot Noir in Sonoma were certainly elevated in this unique vintage.

The 2015 Alexis Skye is a blend of two sources: Catie's Corner, in the coveted Vine Hill area of Russian River Valley, and Sangiacomo's Roberts Road Vineyard, in the rolling hills of the Sonoma Coast northeast of Petaluma. The combination brings out the best that Pinot Noir can deliver in this region that is so well suited to the variety. Aromas of rose petals, fresh red raspberries, and thyme immediately rise up when the wine is poured. These characters follow through on the palate, with a crescendo building to flavors reminiscent of ripe strawberries, balsamic, and black pepper. Extended aging in French oak barrels helps to round out the texture of this generous wine, and add to the richness and length on the finish.

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