

FRANCIS COPPOLA

DIAMOND COLLECTION

"The inspiration for the Diamond Collection was a bottle of 1906 Claret we found in the cellar of the Napa Valley property we purchased in 1975. I designed a new label reminiscent of this old bottle and created the Diamond Collection Black Label Claret, which is our company's most recognized offering. Today, Diamond Collection includes 13 varietals, each identified with a brightly colored label. The quality and authenticity of Diamond Collection is extremely important because we are a family company and our name is on the label. As such, you can trust that we'll always give you the very best."

—Francis Ford Coppola

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2015 SILVER LABEL PINOT NOIR

Diamond Collection wines are classic California expressions that offer fruit-forward, multi-dimensional flavor and immediate drinkability. In Monterey County, cool nights and well-drained soils provide the ideal climate for Pinot Noir to produce complex flavors and aromas. We pick our Pinot Noir in the early morning hours and bring the fruit inside for immediate crush and 48-hours of cold soak. This technique helps intensify the color and elicit more profound aromas. During fermentation, the grapes are punched down several times a day to extract the maximum amount of flavor and just the right amount of tannin. The wine is then aged on French oak for 9 months.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We came off an early vintage in 2014 only to have an even earlier season in 2015. Persistent dry conditions reduced yields and contributed to an aromatic Pinot Noir. Up front there is a clean, fresh impression. The mid-palate has vibrancy and balance. Tannins are smooth and well integrated. On top of freshly picked flavors of red fruits and cherries, this wine also offers a pleasing scent of forest floor with well integrated oak providing a balance of toast and vanilla flavors.

TASTING PROFILE

Appearance Violet magenta
Aromas Plums, cherries, vanilla, anise
Flavors Pomegranate, strawberries, lavender, cloves



Corey Beck, Winemaker



<i>Appellation</i>	Monterey County
<i>Blend</i>	100% Pinot Noir
<i>Alcohol</i>	13.5%
<i>Total Acid</i>	.64g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.51
<i>Barrel Regimen</i>	9 months in French oak
<i>Released</i>	August 2016