

# FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

MARTINELLI KING RANCH • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2015 PINOT NOIR



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The connection between a vine and the soil it's planted in creates the essence of a wine. Francis Coppola Reserve wines are vineyard-specific creations produced in limited quantities from distinctive sites in Sonoma County. Our winemaking team hand-selects the best lots of fruit from each vintage that capture the unique qualities of these prestigious vineyards. From these selections we craft small-batch wines, which are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members, and those who shop with us online.

## MARTINELLI KING RANCH VINEYARD

This is the first time we've had the opportunity to source grapes from the Martinelli family's King Ranch Vineyard. George and Lee Martinelli are multi-generation winegrowers who take great pride in their vineyards, producing some of Russian River Valley's finest fruit. Planted to clones 667 and Pommard, the King Ranch Vineyard undergoes extremely strict cultivation practices whereby it takes several passes to get the canopy and crop load just perfect for maximum Pinot Noir intensity.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2015 is a noteworthy year. Not only does it mark the fourth consecutive season of exceptional fruit quality in California, the year also saw an extremely early harvest. Warm spring conditions prompted early bud break and lack of rain coupled with steady temperatures throughout the season yielded a very small Pinot Noir crop but with intensely concentrated flavor.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

To preserve the aromatic properties of this delicate grape, our Pinot Noir is immediately moved to the fermenter while cool. While fermentation takes place, the cap on the wine is punched down several times a day to extract a deep color. The wine from our 2015 vintage delivers a rich, full-bodied palate that offers excellent length. Beautiful aromas of black raspberries, kirsch, lavender, and star anise give way to lush, juicy flavors of cherries and strawberries emboldened by hints of mocha, toasted spices and an edge of bourbon vanilla from French oak barrels. Supple tannin structure lends aging potential to this vintage, but even now it demonstrates complexity and intrigue.

Corey Beck, Winemaker

Blend 100% Pinot Noir  
Alcohol 13.0%  
Aged 10.5 months French oak;  
100% new oak

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