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2015 PLATT PINOT NOIR,
Platt Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

HARVEST DATE September 11, 2015

PH 3.4

TA 6.4

CASES PRODUCED 86

RELEASE DATE September 21, 2017

PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2015 Vintage started with a cool spring that limited crop yields severely... especially in the Sonoma Coast. The lower crop yields produced an intense vintage with riper fruit profiles. Platt 2015 yields were 53 tons for the 31.3 acres of vines or about 1.8 tons per acre.

Platt sits 3 miles from the Coast and the vineyards cascade down a south-facing ridgeline. The Goldridge Fine Sandy loam soils are the most sought after for Pinot Noir and afford excellent drainage. The wind blows reliably out of the west and provides good airflow which helps keep the grapes clean. The vineyard elevation ranges from 425 to 850 feet above sea level and is frequently (but not always) above the fog that fills the valley most every morning.

In 2015 we used 20% whole clusters in the Platt ferments, which, like most of our Pinot ferments, were relatively short at 10 days. The wine was aged in Francois Freres, Boutes, and Rousseau barrels for 14 months with about 40% new barrels

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Flanagan Pinot Noir Platt Vineyard is one of the most stunning Pinot Noir wines I have had from California. The wine has a brilliant color and the fruit character, despite the very cool site, is explosive. Incredible acidity, a beautiful mouthfeel, and an incredible purity of fruit character make this a reference point wine.

Those of you who know me well will know what it means when I say I find myself at a loss for words to describe this wine. This wine, for me, simply transcends the adjectives at my disposal. If you love Grand Cru Burgundy from a great vintage then this is a wine for you.

