



## 2015 Pratt Vine Hill Pinot Noir

This young vineyard in the Laguna Ridge of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley has soils that remind one of a moonscape. It has some of the whitest soil in the region; it is very sandy Goldridge soil. The Dijon clone 667, along with the Mount Eden, Swan, and Martini clones (also known as "heritage" or "suitcase" clones, so named because sometimes the plant material was imported from France in vintners' suitcases) thrive in this soil.

The result is a very perfumed and elegant Pinot Noir. The vineyard is farmed by Jim Pratt. His attention to detail in the farming is reflected in the exceptional quality of the fruit. Inman Family receives 100% of the Pinot Noir from this vineyard. The property is at the corner of Vine Hill Road and Vine Hill School Road, near a number of very acclaimed vineyards.

**Appellation:** Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

**Fruit Source:** Jim Pratt's Vine Hill Vineyard

### Tasting Notes

**Color:** Light ruby

**Aroma:** Crushed violets, lavender, raspberry, and blueberry

**Flavor:** Raspberry, cherry, blueberry, red delicious apple peel, and mineral. The texture is luscious and silky. The tannins are moderate and the fruit, acid, and oak are well balanced.

### Winemaker Notes

Due to excessive rain during the bloom period, the crop yield was significantly reduced. Nonetheless, the remaining fruit was gorgeous and delicious. The grapes were harvested by hand. After destemming, the fruit cold soaked and a spontaneous, natural fermentation began. When dry, a basket press was used. The wine settled overnight and then was barreled down to a mix of older and new French oak barrels. A natural malolactic fermentation occurred. The wine rested on the fine lees, receiving regular bâtonnage until it was racked in preparation for bottling under Stelvin closure.

**Case Production:** 127

VINTAGE  
2015

VARIETAL  
Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATE  
September 2015

TA  
0.62

PH  
3.6

AGING  
French Oak,  
15% New

BOTTLING DATE  
February 16, 2017

RESIDUAL SUGAR  
0.0

ALCOHOL  
13.7%

INMAN  
*Family*