



## 2015 Sexton Road Ranch Pinot Noir

The Sexton Road Ranch Pinot Noir is the first wine Inman Family labeled as Sonoma Coast. Located in the Sebastopol Hills at around 900 feet in elevation, this vineyard selection of Pommard, 777, and 23 clones has yielded a rich, seductive Pinot Noir with dark fruits and exotic spices.

Farmed by highly regarded grower Jim Pratt, Inman Family's winemaker Kathleen Inman wanted to make wine from this site for many years. In 2013, she secured the first fruit from this lovely vineyard perched above Freestone. This area of Sonoma County can be labeled either Russian River Valley or Sonoma Coast. The luscious, dark, concentrated fruit and racy acidity combines with the generous tannins to create an age-worthy structure.

Pratt's Sexton Road Ranch is not far from the Klopp's Thorn Ridge Ranch, which Inman sourced from between 2006-2012. It is adjacent to Littorai's Haven and Balleto's Sexton Hill ranches. The vineyard is about 9 miles from the Pacific Ocean. It is planted on steep hillsides of Goldridge soil.

**Appellation:** Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

**Fruit Source:** Jim Pratt's Sexton Road Ranch Vineyard

### Tasting Notes

**Color:** Dark ruby

**Aroma:** Black tea, blackberry, cherry, bay, sage, and loam with exotic spices. Classic Sonoma Coast.

**Flavor:** Blackberry, black cherry, clean earth, cocoa, dried herbs, and exotic spices like cardamom and cumin. Tannins are grippy, and acidity is racy.

### Winemaker Notes

Due to excessive rain during the bloom period, the crop was down significantly. Nonetheless, the remaining crop was beautifully intense. The fruit was picked by hand before dawn, destemmed at first light, and fermented in a 5-ton open top, stainless steel fermenter. No water, acid, enzymes, or tannins were added. Once dry, the must was pressed in a basket press, settled overnight, and then barreled down to French oak barrels, 15% of which were new. The wine was not fined. It was filtered using crossflow technology and bottled under Stelvin closure.

**Case Production:** 149

VINTAGE	2015
VARIETAL	Pinot Noir
HARVEST DATE	September 2015
TA	0.61
PH	3.67
AGING	French Oak 15% New
BOTTLING DATE	February 16, 2017
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.0
ALCOHOL	14.2%

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