

ESTATE 2015 Pinot Noir

Blue Grouse
ESTATE WINERY and VINEYARD

ALCOHOL 13.5% | RS 0.4 | PH 3.6 | TA 6.2

BOTTLING DATE March 6, 2017

PRODUCTION 149 cases

SKU 932111 | UPC 626990259695

Viticulture and Composition

Designated Viticultural Area (DVA): Vancouver Island

Pinot Noir 85%

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COWICHAN VALLEY: BLUE GROUSE ESTATE

Harvest Date: October 5 · Brix 22 · TA 6.1

Gamay Noir 15%

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Winemaker's Notes

Our Pinot Noir clone is unknown. It was one of the last vine imports into Canada from France in the early 1990's prior to quarantine regulations. The grapes were hand harvested from yields of ~2 tons per acre. The vines grow on heavy clay-loam soils, with minimal irrigation.

The Pinot Noir (85%) and Gamay Noir (15%) were made separately. They were aged for 18 months in barrel; 16% new French oak and the balance (84%) in 2-3 year old French oak. They underwent malolactic fermentation in the barrel. The two wines were blended at the final assemblage prior to bottling, where they were fined and lightly filtered.

Profile

This wine exhibits aromas of cherry, tobacco and saddle leather. The oak is well integrated with a hint of earthiness followed by flavours of plum and dark cherry. The tannins are fine grained and firm, with a structured acidity that rounds out the finish nicely.

Food Pairing

Pair this lovely wine with mushroom risotto, grilled salmon or roasted chicken with fine herbs.

