



TINHORN CREEK

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2015 Pinot Noir

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Pinot Noir
HARVEST DATE: September 8, 2015
BOTTLING DATE: May 2016
REGION: Okanagan Valley

VINEYARD: Diamondback Vineyard
(Black Sage Bench)
Aspect: South - West
Vine Orientation: North - South
Soil: Sand
Vine Age: 20 Years

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS
Winemaker: Andrew Windsor
Viticulturist: Andrew Moon
Brix at Harvest: 23.4
Alcohol: 14%
Residual Sugar: <3.0g/L
PH: 3.94 TA: 5.40

VINEYARD: Tinhorn Creek
(Golden Mile Bench)
Aspect: East
Vine Orientation: North - South
Soil: Sandy Gravel
Vine Age: 27 Years

2015 VINTAGE: A hot dry summer made for challenging conditions for Pinot Noir. A variety that prefers cooler growing seasons, we left a full canopy on to shade the fruit as much as possible from the heat and sun. Easily the earliest Pinot Noir harvest at Tinhorn, about 20 days earlier than average. The harvest was completed in the early hours of the morning to ensure the fruit was cool coming into the winery, and we had beautiful clean, ripe fruit with great natural acidity.

VINIFICATION: Fermented in small 1.5 tonne open top fermenters and allowed to ferment spontaneously. We placed whole grape clusters in the bottom of the tank, about 30%, and then crushed and destemmed more fruit on top. Once active we pumped over the tank in the first two days to mix the naturally fermenting yeast well and then ease off maceration. Then one or two punch downs a day to gently extract colour, flavour and tannin. The wine was then aged in a small portion of new French 400L oak puncheons for 12 months and then tank aged for 1 month prior to light fining, filtration and bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Bright ruby red colour, showing aromas of dried cherries, dried herbs and preserved orange peel. This wine expresses great intensity and shows the warmth of the vintage. With round mid-palate showing layers of dark fruits and spice, it has an interesting Earl Grey tea component with a grainy tannin profile. A big powerful Pinot Noir from a hot vintage.

Cases made: 1000

Cellaring potential: 5 - 7 years

Suggested retail: \$23.99 CDN

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