



DONELAN FAMILY WINES

## 2015 Sonoma County Two Brothers Pinot Noir

The 2015 vintage was defined by very low fruit-set, resulting in very low yields in many of our vineyards. Pinot Noir suffered the most in this regard, with less than half of the expected crop for 2015 vintage. We wish we'd been able to make much more of it, because the 2015 Two Brothers Pinot Noir is the most concentrated and intensely flavored in the seven years we have made this wine. The composition of this wine is rooted heavily in Bennett Valley Pinot Noir, lending spice and earth to the nose while the fruit compote and verve that we have come to admire from Devoto Vineyard on the Sonoma Coast lift the wine and bring length to the palate.

2015 was the earliest vintage on record for Donelan Wines, with much of our Pinot Noir picked out by September. The early-ripening vintage means we have captured beautiful acidity that frames these rich, concentrated Pinot Noirs - a match made in heaven. In its youth, we recommended a moderate decant. Once it gets comfortable, the nose lures you in with a trail of rose petals and fresh flowers, gingersnaps, cranberries, and plum sauce. The concentration of this vintage is most evident on the palate. A plush mouthfeel with explosive plum and kirsch is seamlessly woven with structured tannin and bright acid. This is a toned, agile Two Brothers that will benefit from cellar time but is a pleasure to drink right now.

### *Cellar Notes:*

**Percentage New Oak**

35%

**Barrel Aging**

18 months

**Bottling Date**

April 3rd, 2017

**Composition**

100% Pinot Noir

**Alcohol**

13.9%

**Production**

468 cases

*~20% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML*

