

## 2013 Mendocino Ridge *Tripp's Block Pinot Noir*

Named after Joe Donelan's eldest son, Tripp's Block showcases a side of Pinot Noir not often described as "Californian." Once a forest floor rich in decomposed organic matter, Perli Vineyard produce a rustic version of the variety, with an astonishing bouquet of baking spice, gingersnaps and potpourri and a mouth-feel framed by distinct structure. On the palate, Tripp's Block is dense with strawberry, forest fruits and apple-crisp.

Having worked with the vineyard since 2010, we have come to understand its unique terroir and unlocked this incredible expression of Pinot Noir. We are pleased to offer the very first vintage of Tripp's Block from 2013.

Aged 18 months in approximately 30% new French Oak, this hidden gem from the forests of Mendocino Ridge is our first step out of Sonoma County and a welcome addition to the Donelan portfolio.

### *Vineyard Notes:*

Hidden within Mendocino's redwood forests, Perli Vineyard is one of the most exceptional Pinot Noir sites we have come across. High above the fog line at 2,000 feet, Tripp's Block is a unique parcel of the vineyard that produces a wine that is hedonistic and incomparable.

### *Cellar Notes:*

**Percentage New Oak**

30%

**Composition**

100% Pinot noir

**Barrel Aging**

18 months

**Alcohol**

14.4%

**Bottling Date**

March 24, 2015

**Production**

263 cases

*~33% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML*

