

WINE IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION

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2015 Mendocino Ridge Tripp's Block Pinot Noir

This vintage of Tripp's Block is so exciting to us that we want to shout about it on rooftops. This wine is a star - the intensity of the aromatics are apparent even before the wine hits the glass. 2015 was quite a warm year with low yields at Perli Vineyard, giving us the most intense bottling of Tripp's Block to date. There is plenty of weight and heft, and although there is plenty of dark and brooding fruit, secondary aromas of sous bois, forest floor, mushroom, and rhubarb are present. This is a very complex wine with additional layers of cinnamon and red hot spice, cranberry, and dusty earth on the palate. All of this interplay is backed up by firm acidity and great structure.

The wine finishes with some of the silkiest tannins we have seen from this site, making this vintage of Tripp's Block one of the best we have had the pleasure of making. The intensity of the 2015 may make it hard to cellar, but with all of its structure and verve, many delicious years lie ahead for this wine.

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

14.5%

Bottling Date

April 3rd, 2017

Production

246 cases

~20% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

