

# Martin Ray

VINEYARDS & WINERY

LIMITED RELEASE

## 2015 GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR



100% Pinot Noir  
Green Valley of Russian River Valley  
Brix at Harvest 24.2°  
pH 3.61  
Total Acidity 6.3 g/L  
Alcohol 13.8%  
October 2016 Release

### THE VINEYARDS

This wine is sourced primarily from the Marty's Vineyard of Dutton Ranch in the heart of Green Valley. From this immaculate, south-facing, gently sloping vineyard we pick a combination of Dijon clones, reputed for producing some of the most sought after wine from the appellation. The delicate, fruit-forward nature of the Green Valley fruit is boosted by the more substantial and opulent fruit from Hallberg Vineyard which lies to southeast on acclaimed Gold Ridge soil.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The culmination of factors from another drought year in California surprised us with another wonderful vintage. An unseasonably dry and warm winter, which led to an early spring, forced the vines into bud break during peak frost season. However, the spring weather stayed mild during fruit set and led into a relatively warm summer which hastened ripening to unprecedented early harvest dates. Although the crop, overall, was lighter (and much, much earlier), than we've seen in several years, the outstanding quality of the fruit and resulting wines cannot be understated.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Our Reserve Green Valley Pinot Noir was harvested early in the cool mornings of August of 2015. Both lots are treated similarly in small lot stainless steel fermenters using punch-downs to manage the caps. The different clones are layered in tanks as they're crushed to ensure the distinct characteristics are well-integrated. The must is then gently basket pressed and put to barrel for 12 months in 50% new French oak, specifically chosen to provide a seamless integration by boosting the fruit's natural beauty.

### TASTING NOTES

In its fourth vintage as part of our Reserve Pinot Noir collection, the Green Valley maintains its position as a favorite among our winemakers and customers. The fruit driven bouquet is elegantly layered with bright, tart cranberry, deep red cherry and boysenberry with a hint of jasmine blossom and subtle nuances of baking spices, vanilla, and toffee. The juicy palate and fine, silky tannins create a flawless carry-through from beginning to end.

### FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Pair this Pinot Noir with grilled pork chop with balsamic glazed peaches.