

2015 ESTATE PINOT NOIR
 GRAN VAL VINEYARD
 CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY



APPELLATION:	Carneros, Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	100% Estate Pinot Noir; Clone 667 & Pommard
FERMENTATION:	Open top tanks with 3 punchdowns daily
AGING:	15 months in 58% new oak
FINISHING:	Unfiltered
ACID:	5.5 g/L
pH:	3.6
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
HARVESTED:	August 20-25, 2015

WINEMAKER'S INSIGHT

Made from a single clone grown on a prized block of our Gran Val Vineyard, this wine immediately draws you in with its rich, alluring color and perfumed aromas of exotic red fruit, flowers, vanilla and nutmeg. On the palate, seamless tannins underscore the lush red fruit and spice flavors, with good acidity adding poise and length. The finish is long and complex, offering French oak-inspired hints of vanilla and woody spice.

HARVEST

The 2015 growing season proved to be warm and at times, quite hotter than normal, meaning that harvest started and ended early. Along with the unusual heat, the Napa Valley experienced a series of rains in the early part of the season that washed pollen off of the flowering grapes. When this condition called "shatter" happens, some flowers do not turn into fruit and essentially means that many of the grapes on each cluster never form. The resulting low yield meant we had a significantly smaller crop and a smaller production of many of our wines. However, the 'less is more' theory gave us some of the best, most concentrated fruit have seen in a long time, delivering beautiful, fruit forward wines in the end.

HISTORY

Clos Du Val, French for "small vineyard estate of a small valley," was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley's most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations and continues to craft wines of balance and complexity, showcasing the fruit from the outstanding terroir on which our estate lies.