

# JOSEPH SWAN VINEYARDS

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## 2015 Pinot Noir- Catie's Corner - Russian River Valley

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### THE VINEYARD:

The vineyard is located on the Eastern edge of the Middle Reach Neighborhood of The Russian River Valley, just south of the town of Windsor. It was planted a few years before Saralee Kunde's passing with Swan cuttings sourced from our Trenton Estate Vineyard. It is a bit warmer than our Trenton Estate Vineyard but budbreak is often a week or two later due to colder spring temperatures. The soils are quite rocky and well drained. Due to the selections small cluster size, yields are low by industry standards.

This wine was produced exclusively from the Swan clone of pinot noir. It was hand harvested in the early morning hours and delivered to the winery while very cold. Twenty percent of the fruit was left whole while the balance was de-stemmed but not crushed. After a 72 hour passive cold soak fermentation ensued with feral yeast. In open top fermenters.. The cap was punched down by hand, three times daily at peak, before pressing after 24 days on the skins. The wine was settled overnight before racking into French Oak barrels, 1/3 new, for aging. The wine was not racked during its barrel time until three days before bottling when the barrels that were selected for the vineyard designate were blended. There was no fining or filtration.

### THE WINE:

Bottle age has been very kind to this wine, which shows why we prefer late releases. Initially the aromas were of primary red tree fruits with a hint of spice. Currently it shows mulberry and faded rose petals, with a bit of lingering cherry and plum. In the mouth the fruit has taken on a darker character but is still very vibrant, The tannins have softened but still provide nice structure. Nearing its peak drinkability but it should continue to drink well for the next several years. It is a quiet beauty!

