



Fourth Estate Wines
2015 Pinot Noir
La Cruz Vineyard
Sonoma Coast

From this sustainably farmed vineyard, managed by Keller Estate, comes a concentrated yet balanced Pinot Noir that beautifully represents its hillside site and the unique La Cruz terroir. The flavor profile is rich, with distinct notes of cherry cola.

Vintage characteristics: 2015 was an ideal vintage, low on rain, which reduced yields and concentrated flavor. Perfect weather leading up to harvest allowed the grapes to ripen evenly, without moisture or heat spikes.

Clones: 50% La Tache, 50% Swan

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.5

Fermentation regime: 100% punch-down fermentation in one-ton lots. Seven-day cold soak, 12-day fermentation, extended maceration.

Barrel Regime: Barrel aged for 11 months in 100% French oak, 50% of which was new (Dargaud & Jaegle and Boutes.)

Total production: 95 cases

Alcohol: 14%

Release date: November 2016

Winemaker notes: The La Tache and Swan clones produce rich fruit and floral notes underpinned by the minerality and structure of the La Cruz terroir. The wine has power and finesse and is being praised by retailers as the best Pinot Noir Fourth Estate has produced to date.