

PRESENTS:

2015 PINOT NOIR
EL PASO DE ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

THE VINEYARD

Héroé's 2015 Pinot Noir is a delightful wine tailored to be ready to drink right away. This exceptional label pays tribute to the workers in our vineyard. Their tireless efforts, hard work, and care produce the best quality fruit possible. The flavors burst forth with fruit and spice while the palette is largely round, soft and agreeable. The fruit is 100% clone 777 and grown on the Frankel Family Estate vineyard. The vineyard was planted in 2003 and features an array of soils with small stone, clay-loam and limestone outcroppings. The rows are oriented north to south, dictating the use of guide wires to expose the fruit to the early morning sun. 2015 was an agreeable growing year and the grapes developed with uniform maturity. We harvested the vineyard in two segments creating diversity in the wines to be made and blended.

THE WINEMAKING

The wine was made onsite at Sculpterra Winery with utmost care and deliberation. The fruit was picked between 5:00am and 7:00am and was promptly taken to the winery where the grapes could be destemmed and fermentation could begin in the coolness of morning. Clusters were whole berry pressed and the resulting fermentations were kept cool throughout the 10-14 day process. The wine was aged in all neutral 228L barrels, a practice we often use with fruit as delicate and nuanced as Pinot Noir. Barrels were topped, tasted and analyzed every six weeks. We determined that the best time to bottle the wine was after 7 total months in barrel.

THE TASTE

This wonderful wine begins with compelling aromas of rose petals and herbal tea. The fruit is subtle yet satisfying with heavy notes of Bing cherry and raspberry. A true Paso Pinot Noir, achieving full ripeness while maintaining true Pinot character. The palate is distinctive, with rich but not overripe flavors of black-plum, mocha, mint, and black cardamom spice hiding behind the silky and refined structure. Lovely already, it should continue to drink well through 2020.

THE FACTS

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate
pH: 3.66
TA: 0.64
RS: 0.01
ALC: 13.0%
Case Production: 200 (750ml bottles)
Bottling Date: May 25, 2016

