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Croix 2015 Narrow Gauge Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

Convergence :

It was the Carter brothers, in an act of political and economic defiance, that introduced the narrow gauge movement in the late 1870's—a direct challenge to hegemony of the Central Pacific Railroads' grip on the transportation of goods. Only when the more affordable and nimble narrow gauge tracks and trains were put into place in northern California did we see the rapid expansion of agricultural and industrial development take place. Without this revolution, Sonoma County would not be the agricultural and winemaking powerhouse that it is today. Our Narrow Gauge Pinot Noir celebrates the historical significance of such a movement.

Proprietor & Winemaker, Kirk P. Venge

: Winemaker's Insight :

Our "Narrow Gauge" production of Pinot Noir is a blend of select vineyards throughout Russian River Valley. With access to several sites in the appellation, we felt compelled to create a wine that expresses the regional position in its entirety. A fuller and broader style of Pinot Noir, the nose opens with aromatic concentrations of sweet earth, rose water, black cherries and allspice. The palate is exotic, expansive, yet focused with tongue curling acidity and a savory glide that finishes with substantial length on the palate. Anticipated maturity window: 2018 to 2025.

: Vineyard Technicals :

Manzana Vineyard, Dutton Ranch : Thomas Road Vineyard, Dutton Ranch :
Bacigalupi Vineyard | Region : Russian River Valley | Grower : Steve Dutton, Dutton
Ranch Viticulture and the Bacigalupi Family

: Harvest & Cellar Technicals :

Harvest Date : September 16, 21, and 27, 2015 | Tonnage : 6.19 | Post Sorting
Yield : 5.61 Tons Pre-Fermentation : Cold Soak, 7 Days | Open-Top Fermentation:
100% Native Yeast | Fermentation Duration On Skins : 18 Days | Oak: 60% New |
Ageing : 15 Months | Fining : Rack and Return | Bottling : Unfiltered

Suggested Retail: \$65 per 750ml

255 Cases Produced