

# 2015

## EL CORO

# PINOT NOIR

**E**l Coro Vineyard is a twenty-acre block perched atop the highest elevation of our Estate, its volcanic soils are much less dense than the adobe clay soils of our La Cruz vineyard. Days when morning fog settles over the property, the El Coro block is the first to be clear and exposed to the sun and wind. The open exposure of this hilltop block has a dramatic effect on the thickness of the skins and leads to more intense fruit and acid profile for this wine. This combination of fog, sunshine, and wind create a microclimate that is unique to our area.

As a growing season, 2015 was driven by the story of May. Early on, December and February rains saturated our soils and filled the reservoirs. A warm March and April engendered early bud break and full bloom, helping Keller Estate avoid many of the complications of the surprisingly cold May that followed, initiating and instigating an unusually poor fruit set throughout Northern California. Like our neighbors, however, our grape clusters and berry sizes were uneven. Smaller berries led to low yields, but also concentrated flavors and intense quality.

There are six different clones planted in El Coro and the four most prominent in our blend are 828, 667, 777 and a proprietary clone grafted from the famed La Tache Vineyard in Burgundy. Keller Estate is a true estate producing wines exclusively from fruit grown on our family's property. For this reason, our goal is to create wines that showcase the diversity and unique characteristics of our Estate: El Coro vineyard is no exception. This wine is a wonderful expression of power and grace with the ability to age many years in your cellar.

This complex wine shows bright hibiscus, vanilla and dark cherry aromas. Forest floor, blackberry and cassis fill the palate with a kiss of oak on the finish. Serious layered tannins round out this intense, yet delicate wine.

PRODUCTION:	154 cases
HARVEST DATES:	August 25, 2015
BOTTLING DATE:	July 21, 2016
PH:	3.56
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.75 g/L
ALCOHOL:	13.9%



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