



SLANDER

2015 CALIFORNIA, PINOT NOIR

In the wine world, and especially for Pinot Noir, there is the prevalent dichotomy of Old World vs. New—quick, universal wine descriptors that are associated with specific aromas, flavors and textures. And while Old World and New World Pinot have their own set of typical flavors, we wanted to bridge the two and show off the grape's unique personality—no easy feat in California. Sourced from select hillside vineyards from the rolling Santa Rita Hills to a tiny southwest facing Russian River Valley vineyard, the second vintage of Slander truly defies this dichotomy by having both an Old and a New World presence on nose and palate.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Sitting in the glass as lucid ruby in color, bursting aromas of traditional, elegant Pinot Noir are presented: from classic strawberry, cherries and slight savory tones of lavender, thyme and sage to exotic Asian spice, hints of wet earth, chalk and smoky oak. Upon entry there is an overwhelming envelopment of crème de caramel and the same red fruit flavors present on the nose. The wine transitions with subtle soft tannins, showing the sophisticated integration of balanced oak that finishes with a creamy mouthfeel. Overall, the wine's surprising complexity characterizes this vintage of Slander with classic notes of Pinot Noir on the nose and New World boldness on the palate.

BLEND

Pinot Noir

MATURATION

Aged for 10 months in French Oak, 30% new.

Alc/Vol

15.5%

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