

# Pinot Noir - Lawler Vineyard 2015

## BACKGROUND

Au Contraire wines are crafted for those who aim to live life to the fullest, who revel in turning the every day ordinary into something extraordinary. Our wines celebrate the spirit of taking on any challenge in life, no matter how insurmountable it may seem. This irresistible joie de vivre is artfully embodied on each Au Contraire label with a playful illustration that turns expectations on their heads. This Sonoma County wine was inspired by beloved company founder, David S. Taub, who touched everyone he met with his charisma, compassion, and tenacity. He would often use the phrase "Au Contraire!" to motivate colleagues, friends, and family to seek out creative solutions and accomplish unexpected results. These expressive wines, from top vineyards in Russian River Valley and the Sonoma Coast, are dedicated to David's infectious approach to life. Outstanding quality is guaranteed by legendary California enologist, Tom Hinde, and his experienced team of viticulturists and winemakers.

## TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

This Pinot Noir comes exclusively from the Lawler Vineyard, located within the Donum Estate. The five acres of vineyards, composed of gravel, clay, and loam, are situated within gently rolling hills rising up from San Pablo Bay in Carneros. This area is defined by maritime climate with summer fog, warm days, and a long growing season.

## WINEMAKING & AGING

Primary fermentation in stainless steel tanks followed by malolactic fermentation in barrel on full fermentation lees. Native yeasts and a few small lots with cultured Burgundy isolates. Minimal racking. 12 months in barrel (100% French, 50% new).

## TASTING NOTES

Pronounced aromas of fresh cherry, tea, and baking spice. French oak aging lends notes of sarsaparilla and cola nut. The palate is broad and lush with roundness and purity of plum and cherry fruit. Hints of earthy spices, like anise and cedar, round out the finish.



750ML



## ORIGIN

Carneros, Sonoma, United States

## GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Pinot Noir

## SIZES

750ml

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

ABV: 14.1%, TA: 6.3, RS: <2, Ph: 3.55,  
Closure: Cork

## WINEMAKER

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