



2015 Hope Well Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills

100% Pommard Pinot Noir
Volcanic topsoil and bedrock
East / Southeast aspect
100% organically farmed

10% whole cluster
Not inoculated for primary
or secondary fermentation

Alcohol: 13.3%
pH 3.5, TA 5.5 g/L
20% new French oak
75 cases produced

I believe wine is unique in its capacity to be a conduit between our best nature and the natural world. For that to happen, I believe that the focus *always* has to be on the translation of all the pathways of energy and the communications therein; not on the person and the process. The ethos of Hope Well is that our actions must always consider first our responsibility to the land and all the life that it does and could support. That relationship with place is sacrosanct. And rather than view that philosophy as a scale, where one wins at the expense of another, the point of Hope Well is this: that putting soil communities, watershed health, and biodiversity at the fore of our farming we empirically elevate every last, nourishing, bite, drink, view and conversation that is born here.

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Grapes were harvested 106 days after bloom as flavors peaked and still had good 'cut' (natural acidity) and allowed an ambient soak with no dry ice and less than 20 parts SO₂. This was to allow the good guys to begin primary fermentation naturally. Once fermentation began, the must was given one gentle pump-over to homogenize. I avoid aggressive cap management, so punch-downs are more like gentle press-downs, with just two pump-overs at peak temperature.

The wine was pressed when nearly dry, and allowed to creep through the last gram of sugar in barrel as it started malolactic fermentation. 2015 was a very warm year, so I barreled after 12 months to preserve the freshness and energy of the moment.

No additives or commercial yeasts or bacteria were used. The wine was bottled at 20 parts of SO₂ and that, with the pH, should allow for a stable longevity. Overall, vintage 2015 has all the promise of long life.

The label image is *Usnea filipendula*, a lovely lichen.

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