2015 HELEN’S PINOT NOIR

SRP: $70

PERSONALITY
Elegant, Refined, Bright, Length

WINE OVERVIEW
Named after Bill Stoller’s aunt, this wine is made primarily from the Wädenswil clone of Pinot Noir. Helen’s has a quietly elegant nose of ripe, succulent red fruit and black cherry, which give way for secondary notes of lavender, baking spice and minerality. The palate shows nuanced flavors of cherry pie and rose petals leading to a long finish.

HARVEST OVERVIEW
Warm and temperate spring weather prompted an early bud break as well as perfect weather for ideal fruit set, thereby producing larger, luscious clusters with lots of berries. The consistently dry weather and summer sun beautifully ripened the fruit until the end of August when a cold front came in and slowed down the assumed trajectory of our harvest. The cooler temperatures slowed down the sugar accumulation of the fruit and allowed for a longer hang time on the vine. Consequently, we were able to bring in the fruit as the flavors presented themselves. As a result, the wines are concentrated with complex layers and bright acidity.

Bottled  January 2017
T.A.  5.5 g/L
pH  3.21
Alcohol  13.8%
Cooperage  25% New, 75% Neutral