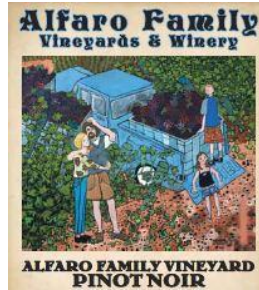


## 2015 “Alfaro Family Vineyard” Estate Pinot Noir



### The Vineyards:

Founded in 1998 by Richard and Mary Kay Alfaro, Alfaro Family Vineyards is dedicated to the production of Estate Bottled Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Merlot, Syrah, Albarino and Gruner Veltliner. “**Alfaro Family Vineyard**” is our largest vineyard at just over 16 acres and is planted exclusively to Pinot Noir. It consists of 9 different blocks; each block has a different combination of clones and rootstock, including clones 113, 114, 115, 667, 777 and 828. Vine density is 1361 vines per acre. The vineyard is on a south facing hillside between 500 and 650 feet in elevation.

### Winemaking:

The grapes were 80% de-stemmed and the whole berries were placed into small open-topped fermenters on top of 20% whole clusters. The must was chilled to 55 degrees Fahrenheit and cold soaked for five days. The fermentations were spontaneous and no punch downs were performed. To avoid over-extraction and to keep the cap moist during fermentation we performed rack-and-returns via gravity. After fermentation the free run juice and press wine were kept separate and put into French oak barrels where it underwent a slow, natural malolactic fermentation and was aged for 12 months on the lees.

### The Wine:

Medium bodied and deep ruby in color, this wine shows a burst of fruit on the nose, and is chock-full of bright cherry, raspberry and spice flavors on the palate. Complex and well-balanced.

### Technical Data:

<b>Production</b>	216 cases	<b>Aging</b>	12 months in French oak barrels (45% new)
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5 % by vol.	<b>Suggested Retail</b>	\$38
<b>Bottle Size</b>	375 ml, 750 ml, 1.5L	<b>Release Date</b>	Summer 2017