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2015	PINOT NOIR, BALO VINEYARD	ANDERSON VALLEY	13.8%	50 cs	\$50	92
2015	PINOT NOIR, FASHAUER VINEYARDS	ANDERSON VALLEY	13.8%	50 cs	\$50	94
2015	PINOT NOIR, JOSHUA'S VINEYARD	ANDERSON VALLEY	13.6%	50 cs	\$50	93
2015	PINOT NOIR, MORNING DEW RANCH	ANDERSON VALLEY	13.1%	75 cs	\$60	92
2015	PINOT NOIR <i>THE FOG EATER</i>	ANDERSON VALLEY	13.6%	350 cs	\$45	91
2015	PINOT NOIR ESTATE FIELD SELECTIONS	MENDOCINO RIDGE	13.8%	75 cs	\$60	93
2015	PINOT NOIR, VALENTI RANCH	MENDOCINO RIDGE	13.5%	125 cs	\$50	93
2015	SYRAH <i>THE ORNBAUN</i>	MENDOCINO RIDGE	13.4%	300 cs	\$32	90
2015	SYRAH, PERLI VINEYARD	MENDOCINO RIDGE	13.9%	100 cs	\$50	93
2015	SYRAH, VALENTI RANCH	MENDOCINO RIDGE	13.3%	98 cs	\$50	92
2015	VIOGNIER, VALENTI RANCH	MENDOCINO RIDGE	13.3%	40 cs	\$50	88

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*Jason Drew has long been one of my favorite producers for Pinot Noir from the far coastal reaches of Northern California as he concentrates on low yields from specific mature sites, selected clones, and a philosophy for élevage (all 2015 were aged in barrel for 11 months) encompassing a range of whole cluster native yeast ferments and rarely more than 1/3 new oak on a wine. His releases regularly show focused acidity, bright vitality and beautifully defined fruit. As I think it is important to share as much information about these wines that make them unique I have added the following information to the notes below [% new oak | % whole cluster | yield ton/acre | vine age, in years] doug wilder*

**2015 PINOT NOIR, BALO VINEYARD** [0|40|2.0|19] The nose is bright cherry with notes of forest floor, charcoal and herb and essences of the 40% stem inclusion. The palate is narrow and precise on entry with a crisp core of red cherry and berry finishing with a clean dry chalk. Drink 2017 – 2025. **2015 PINOT NOIR, FASHAUER VINEYARDS** [50|25|2.2|16] A new vineyard for the winery it is aged in 1 new, and 1 seasoned Sirugue barrel. The nose shows some influence of the new oak in a savory spice, graphite and desiccated stone fruit. The palate is bold on entry – blackberry, carbon, plum, creosote, and cola. If you have drank Syrah all your life and finally want to try a Pinot Noir, there is nothing shy about this animal. Drink 2017 – 2025. **2015 PINOT NOIR, JOSHUA'S VINEYARD** [50|30|1.1|40] The nose is graphite, tobacco leaf and lush ripe cherry. The palate shows notable firmness on entry and is centered on tea-like dryness over a solid core of bright raspberry and cranberry. A precision instrument. Drink 2017 – 2024. **2015 PINOT NOIR, MORNING DEW RANCH** [50|50|0.5|15] It shows a deeper, more savory nose redolent of cinnamon, red apple, rhubarb and mint. The palate is a lively densely packed blue fruit with graphite, plum and blackberry over a grilled meat backbone. Drink 2017 – 2021. **2015 PINOT NOIR THE FOG EATER** [0|20|1.6|20] The nose is graphite, wet stone, plum, cherry and chalk. The palate entry is firm yet the parts intermesh beautifully – bright acidity, florals and rich savory notes on the finish. Drink 2017 – 2023. **2015 PINOT NOIR ESTATE, FIELD SELECTIONS** [33|40|0.3|6] The nose is lean with notes blossoms, graphite, singed lavender, perfumed plum and a whiff of exotic spice. As with the nose, palate entry is lean with decidedly focused florals, and cherry, well textured and centered with lively fruit. I do think it should be laid down for a while. Drink 2019 – 2026. **2015 PINOT NOIR, VALENTI RANCH** [20|10|1.6|18] Notes of candied black cherry, dried spiced blue fruit underscored by silky Buttercream and chocolate. The palate entry is nectarine, well-defined black fruits, cherry and berries where the core emphasizes a supple stone fruit that persists to the finish. Drink 2017 – 2023. **2015 SYRAH THE ORNBAUN** [0|25|2.0|17] A nose of florals and blackberry tart with notes of plum, cracked pepper and cocoa powder. The palate is tobacco, espresso and supple blue fruits. The core has a dense feel of soaked black berries coupled with firm acidity that continues through the finish. Drink 2019 – 2028. **2015 SYRAH, PERLI VINEYARD** [0|30|2.3|17] The nose is olive, carbonized meat, iodine, cracked pepper and salt. The palate is primal black fruit, pepper and beautifully textured florals and blueberry. Drink 2018 – 2023. **2015 SYRAH, VALENTI RANCH** [0|40|2.1|17] The nose is closed with subtle notes of menthol and grilled meat. With air, solid blackberry and peppercorn emerge. If you have patience, this wine will reward you for it. Open for six+ hours, dense blackberry and saturated meatiness emerge. Drink 2019 – 2026. **2015 VIOGNIER, VALENTI RANCH** [0|0|1.4|17] The nose is fat and ripe pineapple and honeydew melon with an underlying chalk. The palate is a lush lemon and tropical nuttiness with a lively clean acidity. Drink 2017 – 2019.