



# HELIOTERRA

## 2015 Vintner's Select Pinot Noir



**Variety:** Pinot Noir

**Vineyard:** This wine is a barrel selection of the best offering from each of four vineyard sites: Armstrong Vineyard (Ribbon Ridge), Lia's Vineyard (Chehalem Mountain), Apolloni Vineyard (N. Willamette Valley) and Björnson Vineyard (Eola-Amity Hills)

**AVA:** Willamette Valley

**Harvest Date:** September 14-22, 2015

**ABV:** 14.3%

**Production:** 110 cases

### Winemaker Notes

Our Vintner's Select is – as the name suggests – our crown jewel, and what a jewel it is: to create the Vintner's Select, we thoughtfully select the best barrel from each vineyard site, resulting in a wine that is richer and more contemplative, with greater aromatics and texture, than the Willamette Valley Pinot. This wine drinks well at release, but is built for time in the cellar – taste it and we think you will agree. The 2015 vintage bursts with pie cherry, raspberry, and the more delicate, sweetly herbal aromas of gooseberry, violet, rose, and fresh herbs. The palate is equal parts vim and velvet, with dark, juicy notes of Bing cherry and plum, a dash of cola and cocoa, and distinct roasted notes on the finish.

### Viticultural Area

Buffered from Pacific storms on the west by the Coast Range, the valley follows the Willamette River north to south for more than a hundred miles from the Columbia River near Portland to just south of Eugene. To the east, the Cascade Range draws the boundary between the Willamette Valley's misty, cool climate and the drier, more extreme climate of eastern Oregon. At its widest point, this long, broad valley spans 60 miles. Overall, the climate boasts a long, gentle growing season—warm summers with cool evenings, bursts of Indian summer into the fall and mild winters followed by long springs.

All of Helioterra wines are made naturally, meaning we do not use inoculated yeasts or bacteria. We use only native yeast to spark fermentation and we do not add any powdered tannins or enzymes.

### Helioterra Wines

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