



2015 Gap's Crown Pinot Noir

An exuberant burst of raspberry and boysenberry leaps from the glass alongside allspice, mace, and cinnamon stick. This deeply hued beauty features notes of sandalwood with an acid pop to lift the riotous berry. Perfumed with cedar and baking spice, the 2015 Gaps reminds us of a raspberry cordial, loaded with fruit on the palate, extended by a crazy long finish. Drink now through 2024.

Vineyard:

2015 will go down in history as the vintage of record early ripening and record low yields, an unfortunate combination. An unseasonably warm, dry spring ignited bud break about three weeks ahead of schedule, followed by a cold, gloomy May grey that halted grape development in its tracks. Coastal pinot noir was hit especially hard. Shatter and millerandage ("hens and chicks") abounded, and wimpy, underweight clusters with teeny berries were the norm. Despite a lucky break that garnered some additional rows of 115, our yield was only 2.8 tons.

Harvest:

The fruit for our 2015 Gaps Crown Pinot Noir was hand harvested on September 11, 2015. The grapes were hand-sorted and de-stemmed to 100% whole berry the same day. Our allocation of 2.8 tons included clones Dijon 115 and 777. The truck sample yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 26.2

pH: 3.49

TA: 5.7 g/L

Fermentation:

Bruliam pinots follow a 5-day cold soak protocol. This wine was inoculated in tank using Williams Selyem yeast on 9/15/15. It was drained and pressed to barrel on 9/23/15. I inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel using Lactoenos B28PreAc.

Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 10 months in 25% new French oak from Vicard G7 and Francois Freres. The remaining oak is once-used Atelier, Francois Freres, and neutral French wood.

Blending:

Our small allocation of Gap's Crown includes clones clones 777 and 115.

Bottling:

We bottled this wine on August 1, 2016. The wine was aged in bottle for 14 months prior to our September 2017 release date.

About Bruliam Wines

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith and Brian Overstreet, "Bruliam" is an amalgamation of our three children's names (**BR**uno, **LIL**y, **AM**elia). We craft world class wines and practice a strong charitable mandate. Since our 2008 inception, Bruliam has donated to over 70 unique, charitable organizations selected by our mailing list members and restaurant partners. We've extensively documented our start-up and on-going growth on our blog. For more information, please visit us at www.bruliamwines.com.