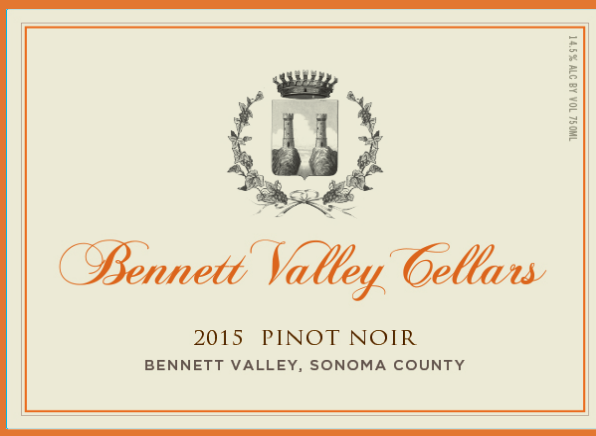

VINTAGE	VARIETAL		
2015	Pinot Noir		
VINEYARD			
Simpatico Ranch			
ALCOHOL	pH	TA	CASES
14.9	3.66	5.38	149
BARREL AGING			
14 months in 60% new French Oak 40% used French Oak			
CLONE	SOIL TYPE	BOTTLING DATE	
see tasting	Alluvial	Feb 28, 2018	

ABOUT

Bennett Valley Cellars began its journey 60 years ago in the Veneto region in Italy. Young Emilio Zanin eagerly worked in his grandfather's vineyard before and afer school where he learned to love the hard work necessary to make fine wine. Afer immigrating to the United States in 1969, Emilio and his family have accomplished their life-long ambition of having their own vineyards. Nestled in the pristine Bennett Valley appellation in Sonoma Valley, Bennett Valley Cellars farms 40 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardnnay on two ranches: Simpatico Ranch and Marina's Vineyard. The well-drained volcanic alluvial soils and fog-cooled climate create an ideal growing environment for producing wines with flavors and aromatic characteristics unique to this beautiful valley.

WINEMAKER

Winemaker Toni Stockhausen’s career was predestined. Born in Australia’s renowned Hunter Valley to the famed winemaker Karl Stockhausen, Toni grew up in vineyards and lived on the winery property, learning her father’s art of wine making. At Charles Stuart University in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Toni studied Viticulutre and Enology. After graduation, Toni went on to serve as Winemaker at high-profile wineries: Tisdall Winery, Mildara Blass, and Windsor Vineyards before coming to Bennett Valley Cellars. Toni’s classical style of wine making is influenced by exposure to Old World Wines as well as making wine in Australia and California. Today, Toni works closely with owners Emilio and Luca Zanin crafting small lots of Estate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay as well as the Sonoma vineyards sourced BIN Series wines.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep garnet in color and has brilliant clarity. The fruit aromas, are distinctly of violets along with some blackberry, allspice and vanilla notes. On the palate, the same dark fruits mingle with flavors of pomegranate and mocha. Soft acidity allows the fruit characters to shine through, while the soft tannins linger on the palate. The clonal selections of two Merry Edwards clones (828 and 2A) showcase the bursting fruit while the Pommard and 115 clones give the wine backbone.