

# CLUB CRUSH PINOT *January Shipment (#1 - 2018)*

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## **DRAGONETTE CELLARS** **2015 PINOT NOIR** **STA. RITA HILLS, SANTA BARBARA**

Brothers John and Steve Dragonette and close friend Brandon Sparks-Gillis founded Dragonette Cellars in 2005 after having worked together at a renowned wine shop in Los Angeles. Their shared passion for great wine brought them to wild, windy and remote northern Santa Barbara County where they spent the next several years seeking out extraordinary, cool-climate vineyards and dedicating themselves to careful, patient, minimalist winemaking.



[www.DragonetteCellars.com](http://www.DragonetteCellars.com)

**TASTING NOTES:** From the inception of our winery we have believed that blending Pinot Noir from diverse vineyard blocks and sites would create a whole greater than the sum of its parts. Wines from the warmer parts of the SRH provide dramatic fruits and baking spices, wines from the cooler portions provide, higher toned red fruits, fresh herbs, minerals and great acidity. In 2015 we blended grapes from 6 different vineyards to make this wine sing the song of the Santa Rita Hills – beautifully pure, fairly rich red fruits, excellent spices and big but beautiful structure. We carefully age the wines on their lees to limit movement and retain freshness and energy. In 2015 the wine was comprised of grapes from Radian (41%), Fiddlestick (30%), John Sebastiano (15%), La Encantada (7%), Cargasacchi (4%), Duvarita (4%). The wine was aged for 15 months in French oak barrels (10% new), and is displaying excellent power and concentration.

Production: 650 cases

**Regular Price. . . \$44.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$40.49**

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## **RELIC WINE CELLARS** **2014 “KASHAYA” PINOT NOIR** **FORT ROSS-SEAVIEW, SONOMA COAST**

Relic Wines was started by Michael Hirby & Schatzi Throckmorton in 2001 with just a few barrels of Pinot Noir and now also produce Rhone varietals, Bordeaux varietals, and Chardonnay. Applying traditional methods to our California climate, we find the resulting wines to be modern and vibrant, yet adamantly more complex and satisfying. Our goal is to make world-class wines that have all of the complexity, aromatics, nuance and concentration that one would expect from some of the best sites in Napa Valley and the Sonoma Coast.



[www.RelicWines.com](http://www.RelicWines.com)

It is incredibly difficult and competitive to source Pinot Noir in the Fort Ross-Seaview AVA on the West Sonoma Coast, making us all the more excited about our now 6 year relationship with this grower, who has given us so much pleasure in, and understanding of Pinot Noir.

**TASTING NOTES:** Great aromatics, freshness amidst ripeness and elegant textures. The '14 is a little more restrained than the '13 with a slightly greater quantity of very fine tannins, more forest floor and oolong tea and more spice to balance the exuberant fruit. Still, the site is present; the clones 115 and Old Wente providing the Yin to each other's Yang.

Production: 370 cases

**Regular Price. . . \$52.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$47.69**

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