
LIOCO

2015 *La Selva*
Anderson Valley
Pinot Noir

AROMA

Italian plum, juniper, potting clay

FLAVOR

huckleberry, cedar shavings, spice box

FOOD PAIRINGS

wild king salmon, slow braised pork shoulder, lamb burger

VINIFICATION

8.5 tons hand-harvested and sorted on Sept. 2 and 4. All clones fermented separately (10% whole cluster) in open-top tanks using wild yeasts. A 2-day cold soak preceded regular cap management for balanced extraction during a 10-14 day fermentation. Aged for 10-months in 15% new oak. Bottled without fining or filtration.

SITE

From a selection of premier Anderson Valley sites including Romani & Wentzel. Pinot Noir clones Pommard, 115, 667 and 777 planted in varied soils of decomposed sandstone, clay, and fractured rock in elevations ranging from 400-800 feet. Along with an omnipresent marine influence, this valley is defined by the presence of old growth redwood trees. *La Selva* means 'the forest' in Spanish.

NOTES

We made a move in 2015 from Bruce Conzelman's vineyard located mid- valley to the "deep end" where we have been buying grapes since 2006. Three vineyards are blended here. Some from the Romani Vineyard which clings to the slopes above our old haunt at Klindt Vineyard. Some from the Wentzel Vineyard, which is carved out of a pitch in the middle of towering redwood grove, and the balance from our prized designate at Cerise. The cooler sites on decomposed sandstone deliver pretty, high toned notes, while the Cerise gives the wine heft and structure. We should note that both of these vineyard names are commonly found on \$50+ single vineyard wines from other wineries. We blend them into a \$40 appellation wine that we feel over-delivers.

DETAILS

Vineyard: Romani & Wentzel
Appellation: Anderson Valley
County: Mendocino
Winemaker: John Raytek
Production: 500 cases
Anticipated maturity: 2018-2024
pH: 3.42
Brix 22.3°

Total acidity: 6.2 g/l
Residual sugar: 0.1 g/l
Alcohol: 12.9%
Yield 2-3 T/acre
Clones: Cerise, Wentzel, & Romani
Harvest dates: 9/2, 9/4/2015
Bottling dates: 6/27/2016

