

BARNETT VINEYARDS

Spring Mountain District

NAPA VALLEY

Pinot Noir

Tina Marie Vineyard

Green Valley of the Russian River Valley

2015

Harvest Dates:	August 24 th , 2015
Grape Source:	100% Tina Marie Vineyard Green Valley AVA of the Russian River Valley
Clonal Blend:	51% 115, 25% 777, and 24% 667.
Aging:	10 months in French Oak Barrels 50% new
Alcohol:	13.1%
Yeast:	RC212 and indigenous
Production:	19 Barrels
Release Date:	September 2016
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vineyard Notes: The 2015 Tina Marie is the eleventh year we have worked with this vineyard, and by far the earliest we have ever picked. The vineyard is twelve miles as the crow flies away from the ocean. Depending on the year morning fog retention can moderate ripening. In 2015 the morning fog was almost non-existent resulting in rapid ripening, but with careful monitoring we picked at an optimal level to keep sugars at bay and flavor development high. The fruit for this Pinot is sourced from three different blocks from within the Tina Marie Vineyard of Green Valley within the Russian River Valley. The distinctive gold-ridge limestone soil make it ideal for Pinot Noir.

Winemaker Notes: All three clones were cold soaked for 6 days in small open top fermenters. After the cooling was shut off all three clones started fermenting on their own, providing an additional level of complexity. As the indigenous yeast slowed all three were inoculated with RC212, a Burgundian yeast strain. Gentle restricted pump overs occurred for nine days. After draining and pressing the wine was allowed to sit on its lees for 3 months in barrel and closely monitored for any changes in flavor profile, allowing for an added layer of complexity.

Tasting Notes: The 2015 Tina Marie has a beautiful crimson colored core and ruby colored rim. The aromatics are amazingly complex, with layers of cherry blossom, white pepper, red currants and cranberry tart. The classic Tina Marie gravel minerality is also apparent. The palate is silky and soft with bright cherry, pomegranate and clove. The rounded tannins are wonderfully balanced with the fresh acidity. This is a beautiful wine that can be enjoyed in its youth but would benefit from 5-6 years in the cellar (2021-2022).