

# 2015 Lazy River Vineyard Pinot Noir

YAMHILL-CARLTON AVA

## TASTING

In the glass the wine is deep crimson in color. Inviting aromas of sweet sassafras, violets, and ripe plums transition into a luscious palate bursting with blueberries, blackberries and black cherries. Intense dark fruits carry through the mid-palate. The fruit persists with beautiful length as the wine finishes with notes of dark chocolate, mocha and baking spice.

## VINEYARD

Lazy River Vineyard lies 300-500 feet in elevation, on the steep south facing slope of Mt. Richmond in the Northwest Willamette Valley, in the Yamhill- Carlton AVA. Soils include marine sediment and volcanic Jory which demand careful block by block farming. Lazy River is in a cooler location, nearly touching the foothills of the Coast Range. This location contributes to low vigor and slow ripening which help develop flavor and complexity in the grapes. The LIVE-certified vineyard is owned by Pacific Northwest natives, Ned and Kirsten Lumpkin.

## VINTAGE

The warm, long growing season brought us a second straight harvest of exceptional fruit. Looking back, a warmer than average winter led to an early budbreak and nearly six months of charmed growing conditions. Just before harvest, the vineyards were able to enjoy some needed rain, but the skies were largely clear. Starting in early September, as temperatures cooled slightly, we picked for two weeks, bringing in pristine, healthy fruit. In bottle, the 2015s are outshining even the beautiful 2014s, with their own character, intensity and balance.



Appellation.....Yamhill Carlton AVA  
Varietal Blend .....100% Pinot Noir  
Alcohol.....14.6%  
Harvest Date .....September 26, 2015  
Release Date.....Fall 2017  
Terroir..... Marine Sedimentary  
and Volcanic Jory  
Farming..... Live Certified  
Oak.....17 months | French oak  
Production.....640 cases

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