



*The longer I make wines - the more simplistic my views get. In this case, I have to force myself to write about this wine because all I want to say is: "Classic Pinot Noir" It is as if anything else I write about it will just take away from a wine that speaks for itself.*

*This wine comes from a Russian River Valley hillside vineyard we call "Mystos" because its owners do not want their name in print. Mystos is also the name of a surf spot known only to the locals who surf the Sonoma Coast. Sorry, we can't tell you where it is....*

*In a time when many producers go after a big, juicy style of this variety, what we call a "Crowd Please Pinot" I choose to pull the reins just a tad, allowing the varietal character to show by not letting overly bold flavors dominate it. To me, this is the equivalent of eating a good steak with only salt and pepper rather than smothering it with "AI" sauce. Nothing wrong with that approach, just not my style.*

*This Pinot Noir is one that makes you think of great friendships - quiet, constantly evolving and complex; it makes you stop and look deep inside yourself. Yes, it is only a wine, but the vintage, the location, the resident-yeast fermentation and the delicate oak selected for long maturation - all worked in unison to produce a uniquely balanced wine with great acidity that begs you to design a perfect meal around it. It will age well, like good friendships tend to do.*

*Cheers!*

*Oded Shalek.*

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**2015 PINOT NOIR**  
**MYSTOS**

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

**Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir  
Rochioli Selection.

**Appellation:** 100% Russian River  
Valley, Sonoma County

**Fermentation:** 3 Day cold-soak,  
Open top fermentation

**Ageing:** 12 months in French Oak  
barrels, 33% New

**Analysis:** Alcohol 13.9 %  
TA 6.2 g/L pH 3.65

**Production:** 102 Cases

**Release price:** \$ 55.00