



Fall 2017

Dear Siduri Wine Club Members,

Welcome to the Fall, 2017 Shipment! I am truly thrilled to offer you these wines, as I love the 2015 vintage. After several vintages of large harvests, 2015 turned out to be a smaller than normal vintage and that seemed to give the wines additional depth. We worked hard with our growers to make certain that the grapes didn't ripen too quickly and we picked around heat spikes so as to avoid any overripe flavors. Wine writer Antonio Galloni has already gone on record and called the 2015s from Sonoma "sensational" and I have to agree.

I hope you enjoy these wines. There aren't a lot of cases on any of them, so if you try a bottle and love it, let us know right away as they won't last long.

Thanks so much for your continued support! I appreciate it tremendously.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Adam Lee and everyone at SIDURI

## Club Babylon 2017 Fall Shipment

### 12 Bottle Club Babylon

Below is a list of the wines in this 2017 Spring Club Shipment. You are receiving one (1) bottle of each wine in your Club Shipment. As a 12 Bottle Club Babylon member you will receive a 20% discount off the retail prices. The total member cost is **\$472** before taxes and shipping.

	<b>Retail</b>	<b>Club</b>
<b>2015 SIDURI Chehalem Mountains Pinot Noir</b> Willamette Valley	\$35	\$28
<b>2015 SIDURI Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Santa Lucia Highlands	\$60	\$48
<b>2015 SIDURI Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Santa Lucia Highlands	\$55	\$44
<b>2015 SIDURI Zena Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Willamette Valley	\$65	\$52
<b>2015 SIDURI Lingenfelder Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Russian River Valley	\$50	\$40
<b>2015 SIDURI Bellflower Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Russian River Valley	\$50	\$40
<b>2015 SIDURI Yamhill-Carleton Pinot Noir</b> Yamhill-Carlton District	\$35	\$28
<b>2015 SIDURI Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Santa Lucia Highlands	\$65	\$52
<b>2015 SIDURI Muirfield Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Willamette Valley	\$45	\$36
<b>2015 SIDURI Hawks View Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Willamette Valley	\$45	\$36
<b>2015 SIDURI Betty Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Russian River Valley	\$45	\$36
<b>2015 SIDURI Ewald Vineyard Pinot Noir</b> Russian River Valley	\$55	\$44

## 6 Bottle Club Babylon

Below is a list of the wines in this 2017 Spring Club Shipment. You are receiving one (1) bottle of each wine in your Club Shipment. As a 6 Bottle Club Babylon member you will receive a 20% discount off the retail prices. The total member cost is **\$252** before taxes and shipping.

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# Tasting Notes

## **2015 Siduri Chehalem Mountains Pinot Noir** Willamette Valley

Our 2015 Siduri Chehalem Mountains Pinot Noir comes from the far northern end of the Willamette Valley, in what is one of the coolest parts of the Willamette Valley. This location has proven challenging over the years, with the grapes really struggling to ripen in cooler vintages. However, in the warm 2015 growing season, the fruit fully ripened while maintaining superb levels of natural acidity. This allowed us to produce one of our most compelling Chehalem Mountain Pinot Noirs ever, combining both superb fruit concentration with a lightness and lift. This is one of our best Oregon Pinot Noirs ever!

## **2015 Siduri Garys' Vineyard Pinot Noir** Santa Lucia Highlands

The 2015 Siduri Garys' Vineyard has been one of California's standout vineyards ever since its first vintage in 1999. In 2015, the smaller crop throughout California produced wines of weight and concentration, and that is certainly the case with the Garys' Vineyard. The 2015 is a bigger Pinot Noir than many of the previous vintages. At this stage, the wine shows this weight and concentration, but remains wound tight. While the 2015 Garys' is very enjoyable to drink now, we highly recommend giving it a couple of years in a cool cellar to truly show its stuff.

## **2015 Siduri Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir** Santa Lucia Highlands

The 2015 Siduri Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir truly benefitted from having different clones planted in different parts of the vineyard. In a warm, early ripening vintage with a small crop, the real worry is that the fruit can be more similar, reflecting the vintage more than the vineyard. With five different clones at Rosella's Vineyard, a mixture of Dijon and non-Dijon clones, we have the ability to select and blend these disparate elements to produce a wine that truly reminds us of the best parts of Rosella's (red fruits, great texture, and balancing acidity). Now, to get there we had to be very selective, meaning that this is one of our smallest production Rosella's Pinot Noirs in years. But, wow, does it taste fantastic!

## **2015 Siduri Zena Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir** Willamette Valley

The 2015 vintage was our first opportunity to work with fruit from the famed Zena Crown Vineyard. We were completely blown away with the quality of the grapes. We picked our sections of the vineyard over a two-week period, bringing in six different sections of grapes and making six different wines out of them. Then, in the Spring of 2016, we sat down and tasted through each section and came up with a blend that represented what we believed to be the best Siduri Zena Crown Vineyard offering from the vintage. This wine is a bigger, richer expression of Willamette Valley Pinot Noir than the other Siduri offerings. It shows great fruit concentration but also a distinct earthy, mineral edge that makes it both complex and compelling.

## **2015 Siduri Lingenfelder Vineyard Pinot Noir**

**Russian River Valley**

The Lingenfelder Vineyard is always our last Pinot Noir vineyard to ripen in California and it often is our last Pinot Noir vineyard to ripen anywhere. That's because of its unique location, in a lower lying part of the Russian River Valley, also because of its clonal mixture – a combination of two non-Dijon clones, Pommard and Martini. These clones ripen later than other clones, especially the Martini clone which has unusually thick skins. This combination of later ripening and older clones leads to one of our most unique Pinot Noirs, with a distinctly old-school type character. More about earth than bright fruit, and more about structure than texture, this fascinating Pinot Noir is perfectly designed to enjoy with a meal.

## **2015 Siduri Bellflower Vineyard Pinot Noir**

**Russian River Valley**

The Bellflower Vineyard is new to the Siduri portfolio in 2015 and certainly one of our standout sources in 2015. The heart of the Russian River Valley was the favored area in 2015, with crops a bit closer to normal in quantity. This “extra fruit” allowed the grapes to hang longer on the vine and reach a greater degree of physical flavor maturity. The Bellflower Vineyard, with closely spaced vines, struggled a bit in the drought year, but this combination of struggling vines and longer hang time led to fantastic fruit. Early in the life of this wine, it showed a bit more tannin than we were used to, but with time in barrel and bottle this backbone integrated into the wine making this one of our best 2015 Pinot Noirs.

## **2015 Siduri Yamhill-Carlton Pinot Noir –**

**Willamette Valley**

The 2015 vintage is the second of three fantastic vintages in the Willamette Valley. In the past, Oregon has had two great vintages back to back before, but never have they had three years in a row where the quality of the fruit was so consistently high. The challenge in 2015 was to deal with what has been termed a “California vintage” while making certain that the wine still tastes like an Oregon Pinot Noir. Fortunately, we have over two decades of experience making both Oregon wines and California wines, and that helped us maintain these differences. The Yamhill-Carlton Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from the famed Gran Moraine Vineyard as well as the vineyard located at Gran Moraine Winery. Some of this fruit is dry-farmed while other vines have irrigation. Various rootstocks and clones make up the vineyards, and this wide variety gave us a huge range of fruit and flavors to work with in blending this wine. This wine is a ripe, rich Oregon Pinot Noir, and yet on the finish it has a tension and acidity that leads one to say that this is definitively Oregon at its finest.

## **2015 Siduri Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir**

**Santa Lucia Highlands**

The 2015 vintage at the Pisoni Vineyard was characterized by very low yields and earlier ripening. That presents its share of challenges, most notably making certain that the fruit truly tasted ripe. Fortunately, we were able to source fruit from different parts of the Pisoni Vineyard, including the Tina's section which is in a lower lying area and ripens notably later (almost a month later in 2015) than the rest of the vineyard. This diversity of fruit, even within the Pisoni Vineyard itself, allowed us to produce a fully ripe, fully compelling Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir. More complex than heavy, it is still one of our most concentrated Pinot Noirs, with superb weight and depth, along with blacker fruits and a bit of wet earth characteristics on the finish. This wine

drinks well now, but given its track record for aging, I'd feel more than comfortable putting some bottles of this wine in the cellar for a number of years.

### **2015 Siduri Muirfield Vineyard Pinot Noir** Willamette Valley

The Muirfield Vineyard is at the northern end of the Chehalem Mountains, in what is an especially cool growing region, even in warmer vintages like Oregon in 2015. The Muirfield Vineyard is also all own-rooted vines, unusual in the wine world, especially with some of the vines being own-rooted Dijon clones (a mix of 113, 114, and 115 – the rest is the Wadenswil clone). This combination of location and own-rooted vines pushed ripeness back into late-September and early October, historically early but late for the 2015 vintage. Later ripening in Oregon is scary sometimes, but superb weather prevailed throughout the growing season and allowed us to harvest perfectly ripe fruit. We used some whole clusters in the fermentation of this wine, and it shows with violets and other floral notes in the nose, along with bright cherry fruit and good acidity on the finish. This wine is ready to drink now, but I am sure it will age well for 3-5 years.

### **2015 Siduri Hawks View Vineyard Pinot Noir** Willamette Valley

Right next door to the Muirfield Vineyard, but differing from Muirfield in that it is planted largely on rootstock, the Hawks View Pinot Noir always shows a bit riper and richer than its neighbor. In 2015 it ripened earlier than ever before, as we started picking in mid-September. A bit more dark fruit rather than red, more blackberries mixed with dried herbs and earth, this Pinot Noir should only develop more complexity with 2-3 years in the bottle.

### **2015 Siduri Betty Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir** Russian River Valley

The Betty Ann Vineyard is located in the Russian River Valley, but in an unusual part of the area, actually within the boundaries of the city of Santa Rosa. The soils at this vineyard are unusually compact and this created issues during the first few vintages as the vines really struggled. But we worked closely with vineyard manager Jim Pratt to break up the soil and give the vines a new life and this has helped the health of the vines tremendously and this has led to fruit that reaches flavor maturity and sugar maturity simultaneously. The Betty Ann Vineyard is planted entirely to 828 clone, which tends to be thicker skinned and this can lead to excessive tannins. Getting the fruit truly ripe helps with this, but we also are careful with our extraction of the wine, making certain that we don't do too many punchdowns later in fermentation when tannins are more likely to be extracted. Ever since the beginning, the Betty Ann Vineyard Pinot Noir has been one of the biggest and richest Pinot Noirs in our portfolio. This continues to be the case in 2015, with great weight and concentration, loads of black fruit flavors, licorice and present, but seamless tannins. This is a great wine for those who love their Pinot Noirs on the full-bodied side.

### **2015 Siduri Ewald Vineyard Pinot Noir** Russian River Valley

The Ewald Vineyard has been part of the Siduri portfolio since the 2004 vintage and we've learned several things about this vineyard since then. For instance, the fruit at Ewald doesn't

like to be picked too ripe. We've also learned that the Ewald wine doesn't like much new oak. In 2015, with the low yields, we struggled a bit to make certain that the fruit ripened flavor-wise without getting too ripe sugar-wise. It helps tremendously that the Ewald Vineyard is tucked in a low-lying area behind the Kistler Vineyard, and this area is particularly cool. Even with the lower yields at this site, we were still very selective in which barrels made the final blend, and this selective process made certain that we bottled only the best possible Ewald Vineyard Pinot Noir. This wine is one of our most elegant California Pinots, with more red fruit flavors, a bright acidity, and a real lively nature on the palate. This wine should also improve with time in the bottle, making it one to store away for a few years if you are so inclined.