

TASTING NOTES



2015 CJ'S BARREL PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
PRODUCTION	75 cases
ALCOHOL	14%
RELEASE DATE	October 2016
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	10 Months
RATINGS	96 pts, James Suckling
	91 pts, Wine Enthusiast

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

Our CJ's Barrel Pinot Noir is very limited bottling of standout barrels we handpick each year. 2015 was an unusually warm vintage for us in Chile. Due to the high temperatures, we adjusted our viticulture and winemaking to capture the freshness and purity of our Casablanca Valley fruit.

The opportunity to make a wine like CJ's Barrel has inspired me since my early days studying to be a winemaker. Byron and I are given complete freedom each year to test different winemaking and viticultural techniques—to discover and challenge the boundaries of Chilean winemaking. The opportunity to make a limited production wine—that truly represents the seasons and the place—is among the greatest inspirations a young winemaker can ask for. I'm also proud that the 2015 was made in 100% neutral oak.

The 2015 CJ's Barrel shares a common thread with earlier vintages. It demonstrates a purity of expression that I've only rarely been fortunate enough to experience. It is a remarkable example of our terroir at Kingston Family Vineyards in the Casablanca Valley. For me, on the palate it's a wine like no other; multi-layered, full of depth and texture. No matter the setting, this is a memorable wine to enjoy with good company.

- Amael Orrego, Winemaker

