

BIRICHINO



2015 SAINT GEORGES PINOT NOIR

The 2015 St Georges derives primarily from the elegant, floral, very small-berried pinot of the decades-old Besson planting at the base of the Santa Cruz Mountains. To its register of expansive red floral notes we add the darkly fragrant Santa Cruz Mountains pinot from the steep slate, schist and sandstone site of Larry and Lilo, and two lots planted on limestone from a seam close to our Malvasia by the Santa Lucias, and the muscular, brooding, deeply-flavored old selections of pinot planted by the late Dick Graff from 1800' up in the Chalone AVA at Antle Vineyard. These four sites together bring exceptionally textured depth and lifted aromatics to this dynamic Central Coast bottling.

Fermentation averaged about 20% whole cluster, with a higher proportion of the Lilo and Antle lots left whole, and after several days in stainless and bins, native fermentation got going, and we put a preliminary blend down to neutral barrel in October. We racked just once when final barrel selections were made, prior to bottling unfiltered in July of 2016.

Release Date: Fall 2016
Composition: Pinot Noir 100%
Appellation: Central Coast