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2015 Hirsch Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The three years leading up to the 2015 harvest were among the driest in California history, and it showed in the vineyard. The vines were stressed, the crop was tiny. Nutrient deficiencies showed up in places I had never seen it before (and have not seen since). But, like the old cliché goes, when the vines suffer, the wines are often great.

And so it is with the 2015 Hirsch. I managed three barrels of wine from my two blocks at Hirsch. One of the barrels wasn't quite up to snuff so I omitted it from the final blend, meaning that I only had two barrels, or just under fifty cases, to show for my efforts. Initially, the 2015 Hirsch was a bit reticent so I was feeling a bit depressed about the vintage, but as time passed and the wine came together, I realized that what it lacked in quantity it more than made up for in quality. Vibrant, clear, concentrated but not weighty. Brimming with "Hirsch-ness." Red cherry fruit, fine tannins, a little grip on the finish. Exotic brown spices in the aromas. A wonderful energy that I love.

48 cases