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# LAZY CREEK VINEYARDS

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2014

## MIDDLE RIDGE RANCH PINOT NOIR

*Anderson Valley*

**APPELLATION**  
Anderson Valley

**VARIETAL**  
100% Pinot Noir

**COOPERAGE**  
60% new French oak  
40% older French oak

### TASTING NOTES

Between two ridges in the hills above Boonville, Mendocino County, sits Lazy Creek's newest ranch, Middleridge, in Anderson Valley. Quiet and peaceful with warm, western winds sweeping across the vineyards in the afternoon, the flavors of the grapes are very fruit driven, but still possess the spice and minerality for which the valley is known. The 2014 Lazy Creek Middleridge Ranch Pinot Noir has a beautiful nose of vanilla, cherry and anise with a touch of cola, complemented by generous flavors of Bing cherry, black cherry and red plum with a background of spice and toast.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Characterized by gentle and open rolling hills studded with large oak trees, Middleridge is a 160-acre ranch where 22 acres of well-regarded Pinot Noir clones are planted at 1,275-foot elevation. 2014 was another drought year for California. There were some rains in February followed by a warm spring which led to early bud break. A moderate growing season all year with warm days and cool nights culminated in an early harvest before the rains began in late September.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The Pinot Noir grapes are hand harvested and hand sorted in the field. Upon entering the winery, the grapes are gently destemmed, sorted a second time, then cold soaked for two to three days to optimize fruit flavors and aromas. Fermentation is carried out in small bins and stainless steel, open-top fermentors. Various yeast strains are introduced to add complexity. Fermentors are punched down one to three times per day. Wines are pressed when dry and then racked to barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The wines are aged for 10 months in new and older French oak barrels.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

The Lazy Creek Vineyards Middleridge Ranch Pinot Noir is a seductive, aromatic wine that pairs well with salmon, fowl and meat entrees such as beef bourguignon or rack of lamb.

### WINE INFORMATION

Bottled: September 2015, Alcohol: 14.5%, pH/TA: 3.79/.53, Cases: 418



Lazy Creek Vineyards is a Certified California Sustainable Winery

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