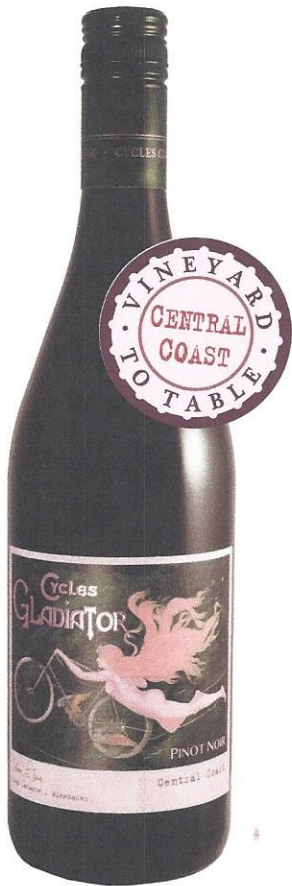




2015 PINOT NOIR



“It slipped down my throat like the little Lord Jesus dressed in velvet pantaloons” is a 400 year-old quote attributed to the Carmelite nuns of Burgundy when they described the sensation of drinking the wine from their vineyard. This may or may not only be legend, but I’ve paraphrased this quote for years to describe my feelings when I drink this particular wine. Silky, lush, and sexy are all adjectives that can be used to describe the perception Pinot Noir has on the palate. And it always surprises me that it took a successful movie to popularize this amazingly expressive and versatile wine. But then again, most of you reading this already knew long before Sideways that Pinot Noir is an absolute treasure and gift for the palate. It’s a wine both sturdy and fragile, rich and delicate, an absolute enigma. It’s been called the “Heartbreak” grape for winemakers and growers. It’s been romanticized in books and movies. I don’t know about all of this but I do know one thing – it’s an absolute joy to make, especially when you get it right. Pinot for the masses! (but we’ll keep the best stuff for ourselves, OK?)

The grapes for the 2015 Cycles-Gladiator Pinot Noir were sourced from two vineyards located in northern San Luis Obispo County. Cambria 1 vineyard is located in the hills just off of Hwy 46 about 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean and produces wines with good acidity and bright cherry flavors. The Linne Vineyard is about 12 miles east of Cambria 1 and yields small berries that make a wine with lovely structure and depth.

Bright cherry cola aromatics with an almost rustic charm. There are also some notes of raspberries and pipe tobacco. The flavors are all red fruits. Cherries of course, but pomegranates, strawberries, cranberries, and rhubarb pie are also present. The sensation is warm and inviting like the smells that come wafting out of the kitchen on Thanksgiving. As expected, this wine would pair quite well with turkey, ham, salmon, and perhaps a mushroom-laden pasta dish.

Varietal:
Pinot Noir

Appellation:
100% Central Coast

TA: 0.62 g/100ml

pH: 3.55

Alcohol: 13.5%

Oak regimen:
26 months in 10%
new French and 5%
new American wood.
Balance Neutral Oak

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER



Working on his passion for over 20 years, Adam LaZarre is one of California’s most acclaimed winemakers, having won the LA Int’l Wine Competition a record 3 times, amongst numerous other accolades.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Adam LaZarre'.

Adam LaZarre, Winemaker