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2015 Three Sixty Pinot Noir Bucher Vineyard Russian River Valley Sonoma County

The Vineyard: Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, Bucher Vineyard was founded in 1997 by John Bucher. After graduating from UC Davis, John returned to Healdsburg to manage the family dairy farm and soon diversified into wine grapes. Additional plantings followed in 1998, 1999, 2006, 2008, and 2009. Today, Bucher Vineyard has 38 acres of sustainably-farmed grapes – 36 acres of Pinot Noir on 14 distinct blocks and 2 acres of Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir blocks are comprised of several clones, as well as various rootstock.

Vintage Notes: Our 2015 Three Sixty comes from four blocks in the vineyard. We sourced equal amounts of fruit from Saddle Block (Swan clone), the West Pyramid (Pommard), Pear Tree (Dijon 667), as well as a small amount from the Jackson Clone Block. The Saddle Block, planted in 2009, is by far the largest block at just over 5 acres of the Swan clone planted. The north-south planted West Pyramid gets great sun exposure in the vineyard. The Pear Tree block was one of the first blocks planted on the ranch and it's the only 667 clone planted in the vineyard. The Jackson Block (PN16) is one of the newer heritage clone blocks we planted in 2009 and adds complexity to the blend.

Tasting Notes: Spice-driven aromas reveal tart red fruit, black tea, and an inviting mineral essence. The rich, full entry showcases the power and focus of this Pinot Noir. On the palate, persistent ripe dark cherry and red plum merge with traces of dried roses, brown sugar, and allspice. Fine-grained tannins and oak notes edge the wine, contributing to its delicious depth and complexity. Decanting is recommended if enjoyed before mid-2018.

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vintage	2015
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Bucher Vineyard
Block / Clones	Saddle / Swan Clone West Pyramid / Pommard Pear Tree / Dijon 667 Jackson / PN 16-Jackson
Harvest Dates	Aug. 7 - 21, 2015
Brix	24.2° (average)

Barrel Aging	10 months in French oak
Cooperage	25% in new François Frères French oak; 75% 1-5 year-old oak barrels
Bottling Date	July 25, 2016
Alcohol	13.9%
pH	3.72
T.A.	0.54g/100ml
Release Date	October 2017
Production	163 cases

