

- LOT #69 -

## CARLTON CELLARS

### 2015 Block 5 Blend Pinot Noir

Lot Size: 5 CASES

Vineyard Name: RUSSELL-GROOTERS

AVA: YAMHILL-CARLTON

Winemaker: STEVE RYAN

Harvest Date: 09/27/2015

Bottling Date: 02/27/2017

Alcohol: 14.1%

#### Wine Description

*Aged 15 months in a premium 2 year-old Cadus barrel with medium+ toast. The fruit from Block 5 consists of Wädenswil and Pommard clones. Our Estate Vineyard was planted on the Savannah Ridge in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in 2003. Planted varieties: Pinot noir, 777 Dijon on Riparia Gloire rootstock, Wädenswil and 828 Pommard, on both 3309 and 101-14 rootstocks, Pinot gris, Pinot blanc, Sauvignon blanc and Auxerrois blanc. Bold and long, this forward Pinot reveals rich black and bright red fruits accented with elegant notes of spice, coffee and chocolate.*

#### Winery Information

*In 1979, Dave Grooters made the trek from his native Pennsylvania out to the wild west to see his old army buddy, Nick Peirano, of Nick's Italian Cafe in McMinnville. Nick introduced Dave to a few of his good friends – like David Adelsheim, Dick Erath, Myron Redford, Dick Ponzi, and David Lett (aka "Papa Pinot"). In 1995, Dave came out to Carlton to volunteer with Ken Wright during crush. The following year, Ken asked Dave to be his vineyard manager for Canary Hill. In 2001, Dave decided it was high time to roll up his sleeves and make his own wine.*