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2015 Pinot Noir Estate Field Selection

The 2015 Pinot Noir Estate Field Selection presents a darker, richer expression of Mendocino Ridge, yet retains the very classic Drew sense of mid-weight structure. Black cherry, lavender, spice and violet notes all open up, but it is the wine's imposing structure and firm tannins that dominate the balance today. I very much like the sense of gravitas here. **(92 points)**

2015 Pinot Noir The Fog-Eater

2015 Pinot Noir The Fog-Eater is one of the more supple and accessible wines in the range today. Sweet red cherry and rose petal overtones are nicely pushed forward, with soft contours, silky tannins and a lovely sense of translucency, all of which add to the wine's considerable appeal. Bright acids add energy to the finish. **(90 points)**

2015 Syrah The Ornbaun

A rush of blue/purplish fruit, sweet tobacco, licorice, smoke and black olive gives the 2015 Syrah The Ornbaun its bold, punchy personality. Medium in body, with good mid-palate depth and plenty of persistence, the Ornbaum is very nicely balanced. Inky dark fruit and savory overtones punctuate the expressive finish. **(90 points)**

2015 Syrah Valenti Ranch

Sweet floral and savory notes open up effortlessly in the 2015 Syrah Valenti Ranch. Deceptively medium in body, the 2015 packs a good deal of energy that lends brightness to the dark flavors. The Valenti is not an obvious wine at all. Instead, readers will find a Syrah built on tension and focus. **(91 points)**

