

KOSTA BROWNE ESTATE WINES

2016 Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir

Rich with Intricacy, a Russian River Classic

VINEYARD DETAILS

Vineyard	Bootlegger's Hill
Clones	115, 667, Pommard, 37, Calera, 495, 23
Orientation	North/East
Trellising	VSP
Soil	Goldridge

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Fermentation	57% Stainless steel open tops / 20% Concrete open tops / 23% Wood open tops
Oak	45% New French Oak for 16 months
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.6
TA	6.0 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Intense concentration of red fruits with hints of hibiscus and rose petal. Notes of forest, sandalwood and baking spice create a beautiful balance.

Mouth: Silky, energetic entrance with a sophisticated and lifted mid-palate. Earthy notes of fresh herbs are framed with blue fruit and highlights of alpine berry.

FACTS OF NOTE

CELLAR	CONCRETE	ORIGIN
Drink in 2021	20% fermented in concrete	Moonshine hideout

The 2016 growing season was relatively smooth for our team, offering virtually no surprises during harvest. After the drought and resulting lower yields of 2015, we welcomed a healthy amount of rain and a generous crop of exceptionally high-quality fruit across the board.

Once an apple orchard and a region used to cart moonshine throughout prohibition, the 30-acres of Bootlegger's Hill Vineyard sits 750 feet above sea level and the fog line, surrounded by redwood and fir trees. Slightly cooler than Treehouse Vineyard, these wines have intrinsic elegance, sumptuous fruit and a hint of spice.

Though the ranch features two blocks of Chardonnay, it is dominated by seven varieties of Pinot Noir clones planted in the region's hallmark sandy loam Goldridge soils, derived from an ancient sea bed. Bountiful options of rootstock and various pruning methods within the vineyard make for a beautifully layered and interesting wine. This classic Russian River Pinot Noir will be prime to enjoy over the next decade due to its expansive palate, silky tannins, and notes rose and forest floor.

