

APPELLATION WINE

2016 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

# A heartland for California Pinot Noir

## VINEYARD DETAILS

**Sourced from a variety of vineyards:** Treehouse Vineyard, Castaldi, Cohn, Gantz, Giusti, Graham, Jander, Jenkins, Keefer, Klopp Laguna, Koplen, Laguna Valdez, Lucky Well, Moonshine, Sundawg, Zio Tony

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Fermentation	76% Stainless Steel open tops / 6% Concrete open tops / 18% Wood open tops / 8% Whole Cluster
Oak	47% New French Oak for 15 months / 5% Concrete tank for 10 months
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.56
TA	6.0 g/L

## TASTING NOTES

**Nose:** Ripe summer fruits; blueberries, raspberries and cranberries. Shaved nutmeg and burnt orange peel.

**Mouth:** Intense and bold with bright acidity and a soothing mouthfeel. Focused and daring, the longer it rests on the palate, the more it intensifies.

## FACTS OF NOTE

AGING  
5% aged in  
concrete tanks  
for 10 months

CLIMATE  
Uneven ripening  
resulted in  
strategic picking

FERMENTATION  
8%  
Whole Cluster

There are many differences between vineyards in this small appellation, but the majority of them do share a common influence – the cooling effect that follows the Russian River inland from the Pacific coast. The resulting fog helps keep nights cool and offers vines a respite from daytime temperatures. In turn, these diurnal temperature swings slow down ripening and promote more evolved flavors in our grapes. We work with vineyards that span a diverse and varied view into a region that many would call the heartland of California Pinot Noir. Our goal is to create a wine that showcases the essence of this magical appellation.

Over the years, we've been fortunate to work with many great vineyards. We continue to work carefully with select growers that farm in and around our Sebastopol home. There is often a recognizably full mouthfeel and texture to the wines from the area - a common thread to the components of this blend and a feature we are drawn to every vintage.

