

KOSTA BROWNE OBSERVATIONS SERIES

2018 CDK Blocks Pinot Noir

18PNAV.CDK.60WC.33CM

Over the past quarter-century, the Anderson Valley has emerged as the source for some of California's most distinctive wines, and Cerise as one of the valley's most preeminent sites. Our nearly 400-acre Estate Vineyard has only 60 acres of plantable land, spanning an elevation difference of 1,300 ft from top to bottom, with steep, unforgiving terrain. The formidable topography paired with the Pacific Ocean's coastal influence produces thought-provoking wines that combine a rustic spirit with stunning energy and opulence.

Featuring a unique blend of three prized blocks – Cerise, Demuth, and Knez - the CDK Pinot Noir was fermented with 60% whole clusters and 33% carbonic maceration. The resulting wine is complex and boldly structured with fascinating savory undertones.

Fact of Note: 33% of the blend was aged briefly in a wood tank before being racked down to barrel for the remainder of aging.



33% concrete



ABV 13.4%



56% new French oak

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD Cerise Vineyard, Anderson Valley AVA

CLONES 828, David Bruce, 2A

ORIENTATION North / South

TRELLISING Cane VSP

SOIL Yorkville - Witherell

TECHNICAL DETAILS

FERMENTATION 33% concrete, 33% wood ferment, 60% whole cluster

ÉLEVAGE 56% new French oak for 14 months. Prior to bottling, 93% aged in a traditional foudre for 2 months.

ALCOHOL 13.4%

pH 3.69

TA 6.00 g/L

TASTING NOTES

NOSE Indicative of Anderson Valley, with aromatics of razzleberry pie, candied strawberries, and baking spices. Subtle notes of herbal tea and chamomile add intrigue.

MOUTH Palate enveloping, with mesmerizing texture, tannins, and lifted acidity. Savory and mouthwatering, with a thought-provoking finish.

