

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2016

ESTATE PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER

VINEYARD NOTES

Lone Oak Vineyard - The grapes for this delicious wine come from Kent and Kathy Rosenblum's vineyard in Windsor, Ca. It is located at elevations up to 200 ft. above the Russian River. This hillside vineyard was planted in 1982 and produces loose clusters and small berries giving us the opportunity for great flavors and disease free fruit. The vineyard has speckles soil which is a mixture of blue shale and red clay and generally has very cool nights and morning fog with some hot afternoon temperatures. This all adds up to a perfect place to grow world class Pinot Noir.

PRODUCTION

We picked the grapes for this beautiful Pinot Noir on August 26th, 2016. We crushed it into macro bins and cold soaked it overnight. The next day we pulled the bins out into the warm Alameda sunshine and allowed the bins to warm up. We inoculated 8 bins using my favorite Pinot yeast BRG, and 5 bins using one of my other favorite yeast strains D254, to bring out red fruit characteristics. After a healthy 10-day fermentation we pressed them to tank. After settling the lees, we barreled down to Gamba, Seguin Moreau and Ermitage barrels. The wine underwent native malolactic fermentation.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

It would be tooting our own horn to say that these grapes are incredible (because we grow them), but they are. Gorgeous and consistent, this garnet colored Pinot Noir boasts pretty aromas of rose petal, clove, cinnamon and strawberry rhubarb with flavors of maple, black cherry, milk chocolate, vanilla milkshake and that sexy Russian River minerality

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION
Sonoma County

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL
14.83%

PH
3.41

TOTAL ACIDITY
.61g / 100ml

BARRELS
30% New American oak
30% New French oak
40% Neutral oak

RELEASE DATE
November 2017

SUGGESTED RETAIL
\$40