

2016

DURELL VINEYARD
Sonoma Coast Pinot Blanc

VINEYARD NOTES

The pedigree of Three Sticks begins not in the glass, nor even in the cellar. Instead, it begins in the rocky, volcanic soils of Durell Vineyard. Planted primarily to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, this rolling 135-acre parcel spans the Sonoma Valley, Sonoma Coast and Carneros AVAs, and is often named one of the top 5 vineyards in Sonoma County. (And that is saying something!)

The full estate spans 400 acres, with the Pacific Ocean 30 miles to the west and the northern stretches of the San Francisco Bay 10 miles to the south. To the immediate north, the Mayacamas rise up 2400 feet, sheltering the northern blocks from daily maritime winds. Mountain, bay and ocean influences combine to produce wines of extraordinary depth and complexity.

VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was a relatively smooth year that unfolded at a steady pace and with mild temperatures. While we didn't have many exceptionally hot days, it was one of the earlier harvests on our record. Flowering and fruit set beautifully and yields were above normal, which was a nice change from previous years. We harvested our first grapes in mid-August, and had picked about 25% of our Pinot Noir and then a sudden cool spell arrived. This allowed cooler climate vineyards that had yet to be harvested to remain on the vine longer and develop deep and expressive flavors. The berries were smaller and heartier than normal which resulted in great depth of color and structure. We are extremely excited by the the 2016's - they are something special! Pretty, expressive, and pleasurable.



THREE STICKS



APPELLATION: Sonoma Coast	MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: Partial	ALCOHOL CONTENT: 14.5%
CLONES: 159, 161	BARREL AGING: 11 Months	PRODUCTION: 189 Cases
SOIL: Gravelly Clay Loam	BARREL COMPOSITION: 100% French Oak, 15% New	RELEASE DATE: May 16., 2018
FERMENTATION: 26 days in French Oak	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA): 6.7 g/L	
	PH: 3.29	

We believe in stewardship of the land, the vineyards, and the people. We are for real connections, real history, real wines; experiences you will never forget. We welcome you to our home, the Adobe, for an historic tasting in Sonoma.