

2016

## Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

### VINEYARD NOTES

The grapes from this wine come from vineyards north of Sebastopol. This area is highly desirable for the cultivation of Pinot Noir due to its cool, breezy climate and prized Goldridge sandy-loam soils. Although the Russian River Valley is defined by a geologic feature—a valley—it is the maritime fog intrusion in late summer and early fall that is the common characteristic uniting all parts of the appellation. This combination of soil and climate create quintessential Russian River Valley Pinot Noir terroir.

### 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 2016's - they are something special! Pretty, expressive, and pleasurable.



THREE STICKS



<b>APPELLATION:</b> Russian River Valley	<b>BARREL AGING:</b> 11 Months	<b>ALCOHOL CONTENT:</b> 14.5%
<b>VARIETAL CONTENT:</b> 100% Pinot Noir	<b>BARREL COMPOSITION:</b> 100% French Oak, 55% New	<b>PRODUCTION:</b> 392 Cases
<b>FERMENTATION:</b> Open Top Fermenters	<b>TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):</b> 6.3 g/L	<b>RELEASE DATE:</b> February 6, 2018
<b>WHOLE CLUSTER:</b> 12%	<b>PH:</b> 3.47	

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