

2017

WILLIAM JAMES VINEYARD
Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

VINEYARD NOTES

Perched atop a hill between the towns of Sebastopol and Freestone in the Green Valley of the Russian River sits the William James vineyard. Decades ago the famed Gravenstein Apples were grown on this property with deep and fluffy Goldridge soils. With a mix of heritage and dijon clones, the grapes thrive in this colder, foggy and windy climate in West County. Showing wonderful aromas of nutmeg and red plum compote and exploding on the palate with light smoke and blackberry. There is a nice back end lift to this wine which brings a brightness and suggests some real longevity.

VINTAGE NOTES

2017 was a vintage we will remember for a long time. After years of drought, we enjoyed a winter with record rainfall. Mother Nature was active, filling up dams and saturating soils while cleaning out salts that built up over time. Temperatures were cool and on track for typical growth until heat waves arrived at the end of August into September. While compressed into smaller picking windows, the grapes were perfectly developed and fermentation was steady.

Thankfully, all of our grapes were picked and wine was in barrel by the time the wildfires in Sonoma and Napa devastated nearby areas. Our vineyards were threatened but ultimately were saved with some brave work from first responders. We are forever grateful for those who put themselves in harm's way to help save our livelihoods and thankful for our good fortune during this atypical vintage.



THREE STICKS



APPELLATION:	WHOLE CLUSTER:	ALCOHOL CONTENT:
Russian River Valley	25%	14.3%
VARIETAL CONTENT:	BARREL AGING:	PRODUCTION:
100% Pinot Noir	15 Months	307 Cases
CLONES:	BARREL COMPOSITION:	SRP:
943, Swan, Calera	100% French Oak, 40% New	\$65
SOIL:	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):	RELEASE DATE:
Goldridge fine sandy loam	6.6 g/L	May 20, 2019
FERMENTATION:	PH:	
Open Top Fermenters	3.51	

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.