

2017

WALALA VINEYARD

Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

VINEYARD NOTES

17.2 planted acres of pristine Pinot Noir make up the Walala Vineyard, the most remote of our estate properties. Walala comes from the Kashaya Pomo Indian saying, "where the water flows down." This is a reference to the local town of Gualala, which resides at the mouth of the Gualala River. The vineyard is located a couple miles inland from the Pacific Ocean above the fog layer at 1,600 feet, where the climate is perfect for the Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. We use the unique conditions and elevation to our advantage. This isolated site receives short but consistent sun exposure every afternoon, after long, cold mornings. This cycle manifests into dark and robust fruit that exude vitality, powerful texture and floral aromatics.

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:
Sonoma Coast	23%	14.5%
VARIETAL CONTENT:	BARREL AGING:	PRODUCTION:
100% Pinot Noir	15 Months	281 Cases
CLONES:	BARREL COMPOSITION:	SRP:
828, 777, 115	100% French Oak, 50% New	\$70
SOIL:	TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):	RELEASE DATE:
Laughlin sandy loam, Hugo gravelly loam	6.3 g/L	August 20, 2019
FERMENTATION:	PH:	
Open top fermenters	3.48	

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.