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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2018 PINOT NOIR

Our Pinot Noir blocks are located on the sunny side of Redwood Creek within the Hendry Vineyard, slightly west of the town of Napa. The elevation is between 200 and 220 feet above sea level. The soil is thin loam on a solid rock base. The climate in our vineyard is moderated by morning fog, and the surrounding hills protect these lower elevation blocks from the afternoon maritime breeze.

Our Pinot Noir vines were planted between 1998 and 2015, and are all cordon-trained and spur-pruned. The average production is approximately 2 tons per acre. The diverse clones and rootstocks that make up this surprisingly complex wine are as follows:

Block 3, *Riparia gloire* rootstock and Dijon 115 clone
Block 4, St. George roots, FPS 96, 97 and 108 clones
Block 25, 101-14 rootstock and Dijon 115 clone
Block 30, Joseph Swan field selection, 3309 rootstock
Block 5, ENTAV clone 828 and FPS 115 on St. George roots

In 2018, median budbreak in the Pinot Noir Blocks occurred on April 1st. Bloom was completed between May 20th and 24th. Harvest was September 5th through September 12th, with an average yield of 2.36 tons per acre. Alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately one week using only indigenous yeasts. At dryness, the wine was pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was 11 months in French oak barrels, 50% of which were new.

Pale ruby in color, verging on garnet. The wine opens aromatically with mouthwatering sour cherry and pomegranate, green tea, baking spice, smoke and sage. Tangy and lively on the palate, light-bodied, and varietally correct, flavors echoing the aromatic profile. Moderate tannins parry with the acid, producing a pleasant tension. Savory, medium-weight dishes with earthy flavors work best with our Pinots. Try with mushroom and goat cheese tartlets, mushroom risotto, pork tenderloin, duck breast, herbed gougères, or a cheese board with Brie and charcuterie.

Alcohol: 14.1%
686 cases produced
TA: 5.88
pH: 3.69
VA: .75