



APPELLATION: CALIFORNIA

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

BRIX: 23.6°

PH: 3.68

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.3 G/L

V.2018 PINOT NOIR CALIFORNIA

VINEYARDS

The most profound contributing factor to the outstanding quality of our California Pinot Noir, and the integrity to its varietal, is the diversity of its sourcing. Because it is not relegated to a single county or growing region, we are given the opportunity to source from the best Pinot Noir regions throughout the state. From the warmer regions of the Central Coast, to the foggy cool valleys of our Northern Coast, each individual lot promotes the intense berry flavors and rich colors that keep our cornerstone Pinot true to its varietal.

VINTAGE

From start to finish, 2018 was a very steady season, offering weather that was reminiscent of years prior to drought. Budbreak came later in the spring with very little concern about frost, leading into steady growing temperatures with occasional rain. There were intermittent heat spikes in June and July, though not prolonged, pushing the season along. August was temperate, allowing slow ripening and complex flavors to develop. Higher than average yields and excellent quality brought about a fruitful harvest beginning in late August.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked
- Destemmed, but not crushed in order to prevent release of tannins from skins and seeds
- Fermented in stainless steel tanks
- 35% new French oak barrels

TASTING NOTES

Vivid notes of cranberry, raspberry and dark cherry, with cola and toasted oak.
Brilliant, Generous, Juicy.