



2017 Parmelee-Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir



APPELLATION
Sonoma Coast

BLEND
100% Pinot Noir

OAK
40% New French Oak
16 months in French Oak

ALCOHOL: 14.5%
TA: 6.3 g/L
pH: 3.75
RS: Dry
CASES: 245
Retail: \$45

GROW

Located off Arnold Drive just south of the town of Sonoma and planted in 1994, the vineyard is located only 10 miles from San Pablo Bay. The marine influence of cooling afternoon winds result in Pinot Noir grapes with stronger protective skin, causing increased color and phenolics. This inimitable, challenging vineyard site displays the potential of Pinot Noir grown along the southern Sonoma Coast.

MAKE

The grapes were gently hand-picked before dawn to ensure that cold fruit arrives at the winery, and then sorted by hand before being slowly destemmed into an open top tank. We leave the skin in contact with the juice (essential for color extraction) for 14 days before being the wine is drained to 100% French oak barrels. The wine was racked once in the spring and aged over 16 months before being bottled.

TASTE

The Parmelee-Hill Pinot Noir opens with lavender, cherry, and caramelized plums. Slight savory hints suggest some rosemary and sage notes balancing the fruit aromatics. The entry is silky soft and smooth, with flavors of strawberry pie and fruit Danish skipping on the palate. The wine finishes with the essence and texture of fresh raspberries.

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- Rolling hills throughout the Pinot Noir block give the grapes different light intensities and soils that result in a more balanced wine.
- Intensive attention to detail in the vineyard and operations means that we always receive pristine fruit at our crush pad.



“Our block of Pinot Noir from Parmelee-Hill Vineyard is a true work of love. Steve Hill manages every aspect of growing high-quality pinot noir grapes. His attention to detail shows in the grapes and eventually the wine. Instead of 30 rows of Pinot Noir together, he gave us 10 rows in 3 different spots in the vineyard to harvest a more complete and complex wine. Steve’s lifelong work and passion makes my job easier.” WINEMAKER Brandon Lapides