

2017 Komorebi Vineyard Pinot Noir west sonoma coast

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested and hand-sorted on the 9th & 11th of September, 2017. The 2017 Pinot Noir was a blend of 3 co-ferments. Fermented with 100% native yeasts and 100% whole cluster in concrete and French oak tanks. Pressed ≤20 days post harvest. An exceptional learning opportunity occurred in this vintage in that the heat spike we received Labor Day weekend did something to the skins which facilitated the extraction of phenolics. Because of this, we saw an earlier evolution of phenolics occurring in the fermentation and therefore our extended maceration needs were diminished. For all intensive purposes, a combination of pumpovers, punchdowns and delestage are used, however the vintage dictates just how many or few we decide to impart. Free-run was drained overnight and press kept separate. Elevage was in 600L Demi-Muids for 20 months sur lie.

VINTAGE NOTES

2017 started off with abundant rains again until late Spring providing decent vigor. Mild conditions during flowering allowed for a beautiful set. The summer months were fairly mild until Labor Day weekend when we saw a massive heat spell for days on end. Needless to say, we did see some desiccation as well as a change to the fruit and different measures were taken in the winery to deal with this. After all of our fruit was in, early October saw fierce winds which fueled the fire that ravaged parts of Sonoma County. And yet throughout all of it we remain #SonomaStrong.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	ASPECT	VINE TRAINING
6.25ac 2.5ha	NNW	Double Guyot
DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC	SLOPE	HARVESTED
4.75mi 7.60Km	≼20%	September 9 & 11
FROM SAN FRANCISCO	PLANTING DENSITY	PH
48mi 77Km	4'x3' 1.2mx1.0m	3.35
ELEVATION	ROOTSTOCK	TA
900ft 275m	420A (berlandieri x riparia)	8.25g/L
AVERAGE RAINFALL	SELECTIONS	PRODUCED
45in 114cm	Massale Pinot Noir, undis-	4,500 bottles
PLANTED	closed	ALCOHOL
2011	FARMING	12.53%
SOIL	Dry-farmed, Organic &	TOTAL SO₂
Goldridge, Fine Sandy Loam	Biodynamic Practices	39mg/L

