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## *2016 Rust Rock Vineyard Pinot Noir*

*The Pinot Noir from our Rust Rock Vineyard shows highly distinctive characteristics vintage after vintage. The outstanding flavors and textural qualities of this unique terroir prompted us to create this single-lot bottling. Comprised of shallow, rocky, volcanic soils situated on the uppermost hillside at the northwest end of our Circle Bar Ranch vineyard, the Rust Rock Vineyard produces wines with elegant fruit characteristics and silky mouth feel.*

### **TASTING NOTES**

This Pinot Noir opens with aromas of cranberry and violets with a slight hint of spice. Balanced tannins lend to a rounded mouthfeel and flavors of cranberry, black current supported by moderate toasty oak. The acid is bright and leaves a long, persistent finish.

### **VINTAGE NOTES**

The growing season of 2016 got off to another early start. Mild weather through the summer allowed the grapes to ripen at a moderate rate developing deep and intense character. As a result of the early spring, harvest came in early also, beginning a full 2 ½ weeks earlier than average. But mild weather through the harvest brought the fruit in



at a slow pace allowing us to pick each block at its optimal ripeness and get the fruit into the winery early in the day and cold. The yields were average and the fruit quality was excellent.

### **WINEMAKING PROCESS**

Individual vineyard lots were hand picked, destemmed, partially crushed and cold-soaked for 2 days to extract color and flavors. Three times per day they are on a punchdown or pumpover schedule, tailored to each lot to extract the fruit characters. The wine is then aged for 9 month in 100% French oak with 37% new oak barrels.

### **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Bold black fruit flavors paired with cedar blend together providing a profile fit for roast chicken with cherry chipotle sauce or ham with a blackberry rum glaze.

#### COMPOSITION:

100% Estate Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Carneros

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TA: 0.56 g/100 ml

PH: 3.65

CASE PRODUCTION: 500 cases

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