



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Pinot Noir

STUBBS VINEYARD

MARIN COUNTY

VINTAGE 2017

IN THE VINEYARD

Stubbs Vineyard is located in a narrow valley that opens to the south of the vineyard. The vineyard is divided by a seasonal creek that helps drain the area of cold air during the frost season. This is very important for this site as the vineyard is usually very early to bud out and late to ripen, as it is one of the vineyard sites closest to the very cold Tomales Bay. This same drainage acts as a channel for cold air and fog to work its way back up to the vineyard, making it one of the coldest sites for non-sparkling Pinot Noir in Marin.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

At this unique vineyard sites, the soils are a mix of alluvial deposits and decomposed sandstone, with variable drainage depending upon location in regards to the creek. The long growing season combined with cool climate leads to a mixture of dark fruit, spice and floral elements with flavor ripeness occurring at fairly low brix and high acidity. The wines are more delicate on the whole than warmer climate sites, but have an elegance that is hard to find in most of California.

TASTING NOTES

A beautiful dark ruby red color in the glass, this Pinot Noir opens with blackberry and raspberry aromas mixed with earthy notes. Elegant flavors of strawberry and red plum are complemented by baking spice and white pepper. This is a medium-bodied wine with balanced acidity and a touch of minerality on the lingering finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
Marin County

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.58

TA: 5.5 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak, 25% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 10

