

PRIVATE RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2016

The Private Reserve wines are the ultimate wines within the portfolio; limited in production, sourced from the finest vineyards in Sonoma County and from appellations best suited for a specific varietal given the dramatic diversity in climatic and soil conditions across the County.

The Private Reserve Pinot Noir was sourced from the cooler Sonoma County region, allowing evening fog to influence the acidity while afternoon sunshine leads to the development of bright fruit flavors that culminate in this rich, enticing wine.



This rich Pinot Noir comes predominately from the Thornton Vineyard that sits above the Sonoma Valley with small portions coming from Sonoma Stage Vineyard, Starkey Vineyard and Goodin Vineyard. Predominantly from the Pommard clone, a blend of the Swan and Calera clones enhance the wine's depth and breadth. Hand-picked and fermented in open-top fermenters, this wine received hand punchdowns before aging for 14 months in 25% new French oak and was bottled unfiltered.

The 2016 vintage opens with aromas of black cherry and coffee. This medium bodied Pinot Noir offers rich fruit flavors that are accented with notes of cocoa and blackberry. Fine-grained tannins and a dense lingering finish leave this wine truly deserving of the Private Reserve designation.

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.52 Total Acidity: 6.2

Aging: 14 months in French oak barrels; 25% new oak