



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



Appellation: Sonoma Mountain

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.72

TA: 5.8 g/L

Aging: 100% French oak, 35% new

Months in Barrel: 15

Production: 248 cases

## 2016 VAN DER KAMP VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### IN THE VINEYARD

Family-owned by Martin, Dixie and Ulysses van der Kamp, this site sustains some of the oldest Pinot Noir vines in Sonoma County. Its terroir is unique in that fog banks from opposite sides meet and swirl overhead to form an opening through which the sun bathes the land to temper the cool mountain atmosphere, resulting in a unique microclimate. Myriad of old-vine and Dijon clones are planted across the property along with a small amount of Pinot Meunier, allowing the winemaker an opportunity to create a “blended” wine within the vineyard designate concept.

The van der Kamp family embraces natural farming and non-invasive techniques. The vineyard has a great amount of variation in soil types, slopes, and sun and wind exposure. Warm days are cooled by foggy nights allowing optimal conditions for rich flavor and balanced acidity to develop.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Hand harvested at night from this vintage includes clones 777, La Tache, Old Vine and 113 blended with 8% Pinot Meunier. After harvest the grapes were fermented in open top fermenters with hand punch downs before being aged in 35% new French oak for 15 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Opening with a fragrant nose of rose water, pine duff, star anise and orange peel, this wine opens to entice the palate. A perfect balance of fruit flavors and savory notes, this Pinot Noir spreads across the palate with flavors of ripe cherry, plum and cocoa. It has medium plus body and high tannins with a long, spreading finish that is immediately enjoyable but will age gracefully over the next 5-7 years.

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker