

Ernest Vineyards

Romanini Vineyard Pinot Noir 2017

Sonoma Coast

The Engineer

THE VINEYARD: Italian immigrant Antonio Romanini planted this vineyard, his first in Sonoma Valley, in 1954. Since then, the alluvial soils have yielded grapes for perfect Pinot Noir: vines with compact clusters and smaller yields. The vineyard comprises mostly Pommard and Calera Clones on 101-14 rootstock. The fruit intensity from this site is influenced by the nearby Carneros climate and the growing season's cool nights and warm days. Adding to the provenance is the fact that this vineyard is farmed by the "grandfather" of organic and biodynamic vineyard farming in California, Phil Coturri, and his team at Enterprise Vineyards.

LABEL STORY: Todd's maternal grandfather, Ray, joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. Inside the family, they called him The Engineer. After returning to the U.S., Ray joined the team that built the Saturn V rocket that took us to the moon. He always had the big picture in mind.

TASTING NOTES: A pale ruby red color belies a darker fruit expression of plum and cassis with shiitake mushroom on the nose. The complex palate layers red and black fruits, rhubarb, earthy components, with a floral quality and marked acidity and subtle, elegant tannins.

AGING: 40% NEW FRENCH OAK, 14 MONTHS

CASES PRODUCED: 150

ALC. BY VOL: 13.3%

