

Ernest Vineyards

Romanini Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016

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 maritime 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 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: The signature rose petal aroma of this organically-farmed site is married with summer cherries and earth in this vintage. On the palate, bright acidity is balanced with light tannins and a very low alcohol. Sour cherries, Chinese plums and herbal notes satisfy with delicate flavor.

AGING: 40% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK

CASES PRODUCED: 142

ALC. BY VOL: 13.5%

RATING: 94 POINTS WA

