

Ernest Vineyards

# Cleary Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016

*Sonoma Coast*

*The Settler*

**THE VINEYARD:** Downslope from his father's Freestone Hill Vineyard, John Cleary and his family have their own parcel of West Sonoma Coast vineyard land: this 6-acre plot. Ernest has leased and farmed this site since 2015 which, as our coldest vineyard, is a challenging task in even the best years.

**LABEL STORY:** When Erin's family settled in Motley County, Texas, they brought with them ideas, talents, and dreams. Any one of them could have been considered The Settler. The landscape provided hard challenges and discoveries, but they persevered and created a new sense of heritage along the way.

**TASTING NOTES:** A purity of fruits and flowers, with red cherries, red roses, scents of ripe strawberries, raspberries, garden herbs and enoki mushrooms leading to a silky and vibrant mid-palate melange of red berries, wet earth, framed by well-defined acidity and soft tannins.

**AGING:** 37% NEW FRENCH OAK

**CASES PRODUCED:** 329

**ALC. BY VOL:** 12.2

