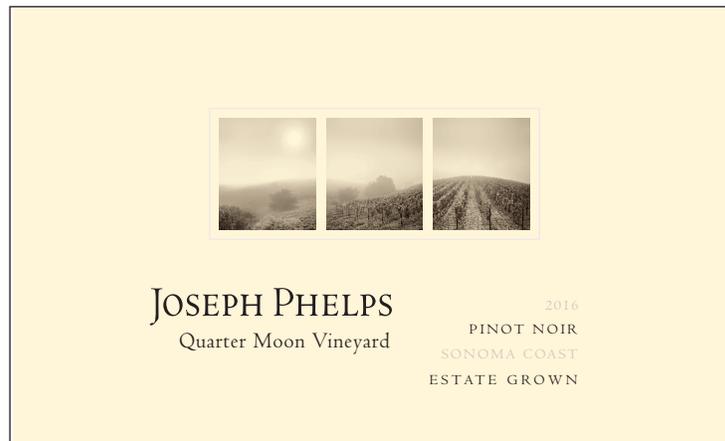


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Joseph Phelps Pinot Noir, Quarter Moon Vineyard, Sonoma Coast 2016

Winemaking Data

Harvest Dates: September 6-10, 2016.

Blend: 100% estate-grown Pinot Noir from our Quarter Moon Vineyard.

Aging: 13 months in 50% new and 50% two-year-old French oak barrels.

Winemaking Notes: A limited-edition bottling highlighting select Pinot Noir blocks within our Quarter Moon Vineyard planted to Calera, clone 90, clone 96, clone 777, clone 459 and clone 828. Clusters were hand-sorted in order to separate the best for whole cluster fermentation. The 2016 vintage was 22% whole cluster fermented, adding spice, texture and structure, and 25% of the grapes were then selected for fermentation in oak-top fermenters, lending a distinct richness to the wine's final blend. Gentle punch downs were performed during fermentation until a desired taste and texture was achieved in each tank.

This wine opens with bold dark fruit, savory smoked meat, blueberry and cracked pink pepper aromatics. Seamlessly integrated tannins enhance a cranberry compote and sweet cherry core with a layered red fruit, vanilla and *Herbs de Provence* finish.

Growing Season: The 2016 Sonoma Coast growing season began with a warm, mild winter resulting in an early bud break at the beginning of March. A normal period of bloom and veraison took place in early May and mid-July, respectively. The 2016 growing season was cooler compared to the previous three vintages, especially in August and September, allowing for delicate aromas and flavors to develop slowly in the Pinot Noir blocks.

Review: 95 Points, "The 2016 Pinot Noir Quarter Moon Vineyard is a little reticent to begin, displaying subtle notes of pomegranate, Bing cherries and mulberries with wafts of potpourri, dried Provence herbs, cassia, allspice and dusty soil. Medium-bodied with firm, grainy tannins and a lively line of acid framing the intense red berry and spicy layers, it finishes on a lingering mineral note." - *LPB, Robert Parker Wine Advocate, June 2018*