

# RON RUBIN

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2016

## PINOT NOIR

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### TASTING NOTES

Bright cherry, cranberry, and raspberry aromas with hints of dill, fennel, and spice. The bouquet is rounded out with sweet vanilla and berry flavors, with a balanced and elegant finish. This very approachable wine offers mouth-filling, yet soft, tannins. Ripe fruit flavors are complemented by bright acidity and a gentle oak mid-palate. This complex and fruit-driven Pinot Noir pairs beautifully with fig and goat cheese crostinis, roasted duck, and rotisserie chicken.

### VINTAGE

Signaling an end to the multi-year drought, 2016 began with a very mild winter. We saw ample rainfall which charged up the soil with good moisture reserves. Temperatures were moderate, with only a few nights in early spring which required vigilance against the threat of frost. The gentle conditions continued through bloom, and resulted in good fruit set and balanced crop levels - a welcome return to normal after the tiny harvest of 2015! The grapes were treated to perfect growing and ripening conditions throughout the season. With only a few modest heat spikes in June and July that topped out in the mid-90s, and a relatively cool August, our grapes were able to hang for an extended period, to develop concentrated flavors.

### TERROIR

Our Ron Rubin Pinot Noir expresses the character of Russian River Valley terroir, while reflecting the versatility of the region. Russian River Valley's morning fog, and cool coastal breezes from the Pacific Ocean, create ideal growing conditions for Pinot Noir. This allows for a 15-20% longer hang-time than that of neighboring areas, allowing our Pinot Noir to retain bright acidity and develop full-flavor maturity.

### WINEMAKING/SOURCING/CLONES

Our 2016 Pinot Noir was hand-picked, sorted, destemmed and put into open top fermenters, and was cold-soaked for 5-days. It was then fermented, pressed, and stored in French oak barrels. In addition to growing these grapes on our Estate, we acquired fruit from a few local, family vineyards. Clones: 115, 667, 777, 828, 113, and Pommard.

### TYPE/SIZE OF FERMENTATION VESSEL

Aged in 100% French oak barrels, 15% new, for 8 months.



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with Saranex Oxygen Barrier Liner