



2017 Pinot Noir

High Valley Appellation
High Serenity Ranch

WINEMAKING NOTES



**100% ESTATE GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED.
EXCEPTIONAL VALUE.**

Our wines reflect the distinctiveness and diversity of their sites – from the elevated valley floor of High Serenity Ranch to the raw and remote Volcano Ridge Vineyard. Handcrafted by Winemaker Matt Hughes and Brassfield's winemaking team, our focus on sustainable farming, classic techniques, and purity of flavor produce fruit-driven, balanced, and delicious wines.

FRUIT

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Fruit for the 2017 Pinot Noir was grown from three estate vineyard blocks, planted to a mix of Dijon clones (115, 667, 777). The location of these blocks was chosen because they are at the coldest site in the valley. The low gap in the ridge above the vineyard allows cooler air from above Clear Lake to spill into High Valley producing Pinot Noir with more intense varietal character, better color extraction, and excellent acid retention. We ferment these clones separately and drain the juice off the skins early to make a balanced wine. Aging in French and Hungarian (10% new) oak for fourteen months softens the wine. Our Pinot Noir is lightly fined before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Dark, bold, and spicy, this vintage of our estate Pinot Noir delivers with a black cherry and pomegranate laced flavor profile. Ripeness and well-integrated oak fill the glass and envelop the firm acidity and characteristic earthiness often found in our Pinot Noir. Strawberry highlights lift the wine through out the finish. Try this wine with a classic pairing of duck confit.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Bottling Date: July 24, 2019

TA: 5.6 g/L

pH: 3.73

Alcohol: 14.4%

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