



PAPAPIETRO
PERRY

2016

MUKAIDA VINEYARD

Russian River Valley
P I N O T N O I R

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is a truly special wine. The Peters Vineyard has long been one of our highest praised vineyards. Located on a high ridge south of Sebastopol, its Gold Ridge soil is a wonderful foundation for excellent fruit. The vineyard is blanketed by the cool ocean fog in the morning and evening, coaxing out the grapes' best flavors. The hot sunny days intensify the fruit and create just the flavor profile we seek for our wine. Planted with Pommard, 115 and 777 clones, this vineyard produces incredible fruit. We choose the best grapes, whole-berry ferment and after aging select the best 8 barrels to bottle as the Mukaida Vineyard.

This outstanding wine is named in honor of Tom Mukaida. Tom was the beloved father-in-law of Randy Peters, one of our long-standing growers and a 3rd generation farmer. Tom began his farming career with apples. Randy convinced him there was a future in grapes and encouraged him to convert his apple orchards into vineyards. By combining Tom's finely honed farming skills with an ideal locale on Bodega Highway, they created a vineyard that produces the spectacular fruit we enjoy today.

TASTING NOTES

The best barrels of Peters Vineyard are always selected for our Mukaida Pinot Noir, meaning this is the first blend we put together each year and always an amazing way to start our blending season! The flavorful 2016 vintage gave us amazing options to work with and the selection was a tough one. This vintage is complex and delicious – this has the promise of an extraordinary wine yet offers plenty upon release.

The nose is an expressive blend of spicy, blue and purple fruit with pretty violet floral notes. On the palate, concentrated flavors are driven by vibrant wild berries. There are complex layers of blackberry, ripe cherry and dark stone fruits that are elevated nicely by fresh raspberry and cranberry notes on the finish. The intense berry flavors are framed nicely by well-integrated spice and toast. The mouthfeel is juicy and rich, with overall refreshing acidity that lifts the wine into a long, long finish.

It's a thrilling (yes, we are going with *thrilling*) wine.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 16, 2016

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A.: 6.8 g/l

pH: 3.54

RS: Dry

Cooperage: 11 months in
Francois Frères
French oak,
80% new,
20% 1 year-old

Bottled: August 8, 2017

Production: 223 cases / 750ml
16 cases / 1.5L

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