



PAPAPIETRO  
PERRY

2016

NUNES VINEYARDS

*Russian River Valley*

P I N O T N O I R

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located on the last of Russian River Valley's alluvial bench with its silty clay loam soil, Nunes Vineyard provides us perfectly ripened 115, 667, 777 clonal grapes vintage after vintage. The valley's renowned fog is a natural cooling system influencing from two directions, the Pacific Ocean from the West, and San Francisco Bay from the South, the perfect condition for a long cool growing season. Fred and Wendy Nunes combine a passion for growing Pinot Noir with a comprehensive knowledge of their vineyard and the science that drives it. Between Mother nature and the Nunes', this vineyard has all the components we need to produce stellar Pinot Noir that speaks from the vineyard.

We have carefully refined our winemaking techniques in a way that defines our unique Pinot Noirs, separating the grapes by clone and vineyard during fermentation and aging. This gives us many more blending options. We cold soak the grapes two to three days before adding several different types of yeast, cultured specifically for Pinot Noir. During the seven to twelve days it takes to ferment, we hand-punch each fermenter, up to four times a day to ensure that the temperature doesn't get too warm. Once the juice is fermented, we press the fruit and move the wine into Francois Frères French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

*Ben R. Papapietro*

### TASTING NOTES

Nunes Vineyard isn't the sexiest address in the lineup, but this vintage will teach you not to be such a snob! The nose of this dark ruby red wine is a burst of fresh wild red fruit aromas. On the palate, a complex, mouthwatering blend of brambly ripe strawberry and raspberry with hints of caramel and toast. This is a striking example of Nunes Vineyard with lively mouthfeel, plenty of acidity and a compelling, finely knit tannin structure. It is an impressive vintage for this vineyard that will no doubt improve with bottle age. It's pretty great on its own, but really this one screams for a big slab of fatty salmon with mushrooms and fennel. Ooh boy..

### WINE PROFILE

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Russian River Valley
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 7, 2016
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.9%
<b>T.A.:</b>	6.4 g/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.76
<b>RS:</b>	Dry
<b>Cooperage:</b>	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1-2 year-old
<b>Bottled:</b>	August 7, 2017
<b>Production:</b>	545 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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