



PAPAPIETRO PERRY

2016

POMMARD CLONES

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

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We're still doing it! Not many California winemakers produce single-clone wines, and this one consistently shines as one of the best wines we produce.

Our Pommard Clones, which was the first clone growing in the Russian River Valley, release comes from a variety of vineyards in the Russian River Valley, including Leras Family Vineyards off Woolsey Road, Bucher Vineyards on Westside Road and Peters Vineyard just outside of Sebastopol, and they are always special. Each has the great characteristics of the Pommard Clone; deep flavors with rich mouth feel, and vibrant flavors unique to each site. While at first blending them was an experiment, we were so pleased with the results that we cherry-pick the best barrels each year from each lot and bottle them.

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.

TASTING NOTES

The Pommard Clone blend can be surprisingly different year to year. There is always a lush aspect because it's the Pommard clone, but some years it is more elegant and light-bodied. 2016 isn't one of those years. This is more of a "velvet vise" vintage. The deep garnet colored wine has a brooding – yet completely inviting – dark fruit and cola nose with some spicy oak notes lingering as the wine opens. The palate is a heady blend of concentrated and juicy dark cherry and raspberry coupled with cola and shadowy savory notes as the wine gets air. There is oak, but it is notably well-integrated, especially for such a young wine. The mouthfeel is lush with a wonderful infusion of refreshing acidity. Really, really good.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	September 12, 2016
Alcohol:	13.9%
T.A.:	6.1 g/l
pH:	3.75
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 70% new, 30% 1-2 year-old
Bottled:	August 16, 2017
Production:	616 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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