



PAPAPIETRO  
PERRY

2016

*Sonoma Coast*

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## WINE PROFILE

**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** Sonoma Coast

**Harvest Date:** August 30, 2016

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**T.A.:** 6.5g/100ml

**pH:** 3.7

**RS:** Dry

**Cooperage:** 11 months in  
François Frères  
French oak,  
1/3 new,  
1/3 1 year-old,  
1/3 2 year-old

**Bottled:** August 8, 2017

**Production:** 975 cases / 750ml

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Sonoma Coast American Viticulture Area may be Sonoma County's most enigmatic wine region. From the wild, wind-swept northern coast to the gently rolling hills of the southern dairy land, it spans the county.

Direct, daily influence from the Pacific Ocean defines the appellation. In the northern reach, vineyards are planted high on ridges just a few miles inland. Many lie above the fog that moves in to blanket lower elevations in the afternoon. In the heart of the AVA lies a sheltered, pastoral valley where hillside vineyards bask in sun when it breaks through the fog. In the south, vines in adobe soils grow to the edge of salt marshes bordering San Pablo Bay. And within the Sonoma Coast AVA lies the wind and fog influenced Petaluma Gap area, named after a coastal mountain opening that allows winds from the Pacific to breeze through the town of Petaluma and then roar south to San Pablo Bay.

*Ben R. Papapietro*

## TASTING NOTES

We love our blends. And we are lucky to craft killer blends with fruit from truly great vineyards. This is not an afterthought for us. And this 2016 Sonoma Coast is a good one. Like many of the other wines from this vintage, the color is a surprisingly deep dark garnet. On the nose there is deep red and blue berry fruit with generous spice and toast notes. The palate delivers a rich blend of dark cherry, raspberry and tangy pomegranate fruit flavors. This is an impressive wine that has some breadth, concentration, and a nice line of acidity that keeps it fresh and super drinkable. Great balance and nice long finish. A great all around Pinot. The balance and concentrated flavor profile makes it a great pairing with about just about everything. We'll leave it to you to figure it out.

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