



PAPAPIETRO
PERRY

2017

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

There's a lot going on here in this 2017 Nunes. There's an added layer of depth and ripeness compared to other years, making this something of a departure from the recent past. This ruby red beauty opens with a fresh red fruit nose of cherry and cranberry and progresses into more brambly blackberry fruit with barrel spice notes. Lively acidity delivers concentrated flavors in a similar, mouthwatering progression. The wine opens with juicy, sweet cherry, cran-raspberry and apple skin flavors. As it opens further, the wine finishes dryer and includes more strawberry, sweet tea and darker blue fruit notes. The wine is framed nicely with graham cracker and other toasty barrel notes. The complex flavor profile and solid acidity keeps you going back for the next taste before you know what's happening. We love when that happens.

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	September 5, 2017
Alcohol:	13.9%
T.A.:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.63
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in Francois Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1-2 year-old
Bottled:	August 9, 2018
Production:	552 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

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