



PAPAPIETRO
PERRY

2017

PETERS VINEYARD

Russian River Valley

P I N O T N O I R

WINE PROFILE

Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Harvest Date:	September 19, 2017
Alcohol:	14.76%
T.A.:	6.2g/l
pH:	3.73
RS:	Dry
Cooperage:	11 months in François Frères French oak, 50% new, 50% 1-2 year-old
Bottled:	August 17, 2018
Production:	902 cases / 750ml 16 cases / 1.5L

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located a few miles west of Sebastopol on the edge of the Russian River Valley appellation with Gold Ridge soil, lies Peters Vineyard, the backbone of our production and is planted with Pommard, 115 and 777 clones. An ideal location for Pinot Noir, this former apple orchard 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 are looking for in our wine.

Peters Vineyard was our first-ever vineyard designate, and we continue to enjoy a close relationship with grower Randy Peters. His expert vineyard management helps us to consistently produce this incredibly luscious wine.

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 François Frères French oak barrels, and then age for at least 11 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep, dark concentrated fruit flavors drive the 2017 Peters Vineyard. This is classic Peters Vineyard plus a little something else. An added touch of warm sunshine at crucial stages of harvest produced a lush, slightly decadent, full-flavored wine. The fruit profile: cherry. Cherries of all sorts. The nose gets us started with a heady blend of toast, sweet cherry kirsch and graham cracker. Luxurious dark cherry and caramel notes are joined by flavors of sweet tea and raspberry as you let the wine sit in your mouth. That is, if you can manage that. This wine is as delish and juicy as they come. But for all its impressive fruit, the cool morning fog influence at Peters Vineyard provides a racy line of acidity to keep the wine solidly on track. Great as it would be paired with anything pork, or even duck, this wine is also impressive on its own.

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