

SONOMA-LOEB



LEGENDARY WINES FROM SONOMA'S LEGACY VINEYARDS



2016 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, BATEMAN VINEYARD WINEMAKER PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS

THE WINE

The Bateman Vineyard is located on Mill Station Road in Graton, which is in the heart of the Russian River Valley's cool Green Valley appellation. In 1999, a gently sloping, east-facing hillside of Bateman was planted to the 777 and 115 clones of Pinot Noir. There, the vines are exposed to morning sunlight, but protected from the afternoon heat, which results in slower ripening, longer hangtime and optimal flavor development. Bateman also benefits from the Goldridge fine sandy loam soils that make Green Valley such an ideal place for growing Pinot Noir. This soil type reduces vine vigor and crop size, while increasing both the color and flavor concentration of the delicate Pinot Noir grapes. The fruit from this cool, low-vigor site consistently produces a wine with exceptional intensity, depth and finesse. Sonoma-Loeb's bottling of Bateman Pinot Noir reflects the best this region and microclimate can offer when combined with meticulous viticulture and winemaking.

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

The 2016 growing season continued a string of phenomenal vintages that goes all the way back to 2012. With no frost issues, and ideally timed March rains, the season got off to an early start. The weather throughout spring and summer was temperate and even, ultimately yielding near-average heat accumulation numbers for the season, and allowing the grapes to ripen at a leisurely pace. Harvest for our white grapes began in mid-September, with the fruit showing a perfect balance between bright natural acidity and lovely varietal flavors.

TASTING NOTES

Concentrated, rich and spicy, this is a gorgeous expression of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, with alluring aromas of black currant, ripe cherry, plum, cedar, dark chocolate and clove. The ripe berry flavors continue on the smooth, supple palate, where they are underscored by silky tannins, sophisticated layers of violets, earth and spice, and oak-inspired hints of vanilla and roasted coffee.

WINE STATISTICS

Harvested: September 14, 2016
Brix at harvest: 25.5°
TA: 0.59 g/100 ml
pH: 3.70
Alc: 14.5%