

# SONOMA-LOEB



LEGENDARY WINES FROM SONOMA'S LEGACY VINEYARDS

## 2016 PINOT NOIR FEDRICK RANCH, SONOMA COAST WINEMAKER PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS



### THE WINE

Fedrick Ranch is the southernmost Sonoma Coast vineyard farmed by the famed Sangiacomo family, who Sonoma-Loeb has worked with since its debut 1990 vintage. The gently sloping benchland site overlooks the Petaluma River and San Pablo Bay where exposure to fog and cool winds slow the ripening of the delicate Pinot Noir grapes. This site yields a silky textured wine with earthy richness and lush layers of black raspberry and cherry. Grapes from the 2016 vintage were fermented using a combination of punch-downs and pump-overs, using yeast strains from Burgundy and Germany. The wine was aged for 11 months in French oak barrels.

### 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. Our Pinot Noir harvest started at the beginning of September, with the grapes yielding excellent color and concentration.

### TASTING NOTES

Both elegant and complex, this beautifully aromatic wine begins with layers of black cherry, currant, laurel and sage, as well as hints of vanilla and clove. On the palate, flavors of ripe berry and pomegranate glide across silky tannins, with natural acidity adding poise and definition.

### WINE STATISTICS

Harvested: September 1, 2016  
Brix at harvest: 25.3°  
TA: 0.59 g/100 ml  
pH: 3.74  
Alc: 14.5%