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LEGENDARY WINES FROM SONOMA'S LEGACY VINEYARDS

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



THE WINE

Located just 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the Russian River Valley, Apple Lane is a rolling hillside vineyard with Goldridge fine sandy loam soils that naturally limit crop size adding concentration and intensity to the fruit. The site is planted to three exceptional clones of Pinot Noir: 667, 777 and 115. The vineyard's mild marine climate and clockwork fog ensure ideal ripening and flavor development, yielding a rich and concentrated Pinot Noir with gorgeous layers of dark berry fruit. Grapes for our debut 2016 vintage of Apple Lane Vineyard Pinot Noir were fermented in small stainless steel tanks using a combination of yeast strains from Burgundy and Germany. The wine was aged for 11 months in 40% new 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 began in early September, with the grapes yielding exceptional color and concentration.

TASTING NOTES

This voluptuous Pinot Noir displays alluring dark fruit aromas of blackberry, cassis and black cherry, as well as briary complexity and notes of clove and cinnamon. On the palate, it is rich and expansive, with flowing ripe fruit and spice flavors underscored by mouthfilling structure and body. The finish is long and satisfying, with a liqueur-like concentration and expressive notes of chocolate and espresso.

WINE STATISTICS

Harvested: September 6, 2016
Brix at harvest: 27.0°
TA: 0.58 g/100 ml
pH: 3.77
Alc: 14.5%