

# 2016 Coastlands Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 vintage produced another classic wine from the Coastlands Vineyard. The unique terroir is located on the coast in a small region above the town of Occidental. Surrounded by redwood trees, these vines have one of the best views of the Pacific. Power-packed with aromas of tobacco, peat, and tree bark, the wine livens with hints of dark cherry and pomegranate. Due to the cool coastal weather, the berries are typically very small and often produce only a tiny amount of juice. Thus, the skin-to-juice ratios are high, giving this wine intense color and extract. The acid profile keeps the wine lively, fresh, and perfectly balanced. The texture is a bombshell and completely stains the palate. Don't miss this one!

#### THE VINEYARD

Coastlands Vineyard is located at an elevation of 1,150 feet on a mountain ridge above the Pacific Ocean, four miles from Occidental. At this elevation coastal breezes, not fog, are responsible for Coastlands Vineyard's cool evenings and moderate daytime temperatures.

#### HARVEST 2016

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing season and it started out as the previous four vintages with a warm and dry winter. The main difference in this growing season was cooler temperatures in late February, and increasing rain totals in March that helped slow down vegetative growth. The net result was a slightly longer vegetative cycle, a slower grape maturation cycle, and therefore a later harvest compared to 2015. These events allowed for perfect maturation of the grape tannins and flavor development. Harvest started with pleasant weather on August 10 in the Middle Reach Neighborhood vineyards (Westside Road). Weather in late August cooled and by early September temperatures warmed up and dry conditions prevailed. The result was our core harvest was completed under ideal conditions by end of September. Overall, the wines from the 2016 vintage exhibit wonderfully polished tannins due to long and slow grape maturation on the vine.

## **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Barrel Description: 60% new, 40% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.49

TA: 0.64g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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