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2016 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES
Youthful and exuberant on the nose, the 2016 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir is a showy wine. Notes of plum and berry mix with vanilla and wood spices. Hints of purple flowers combined with orange rind are offset by elements of chalk and flint. Cedar and herbs complete the wonderfully complex nose. In the mouth, this wine showcases plum and currant flavors with meaty notes in the background. Minerals and earthiness round out the finish in this elegant offering.

THE VINEYARD
Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into blocks that include clones such as Calera, Canada, and Swan.

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
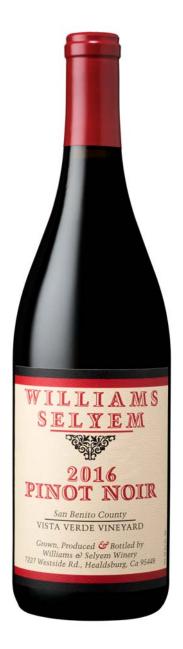Barrel Description: 60% new, 40% 1 yr.
Barrel Aged: 16 months
pH: 3.57
TA: 0.64g/100mL
Alc: 13.7%
Released Fall 2018
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