



BRAVIUM

Anderson Valley

PINOT NOIR

2016



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

We carefully select our Pinot Noir grapes from three vineyards in Anderson Valley: Donnelly Creek, Ridge at Valley Foothills, and Wiley, in the famed “Deep End”, the westernmost portion of the valley. Donnelly Creek Vineyard, a beautiful 80-acre site, rests in a slightly warmer part of the appellation, translating to relatively riper fruit. Ridge Vineyard, a family-owned site, gives us 30 year-old Jackson clone Pinot Noir with exceptional flavor. The historic Wiley Vineyard is a true cool-climate site, resting on benchlands just ten miles from the Pacific Ocean. This vineyard is renowned for its bucolic setting and pristine fruit that is an appellation benchmark.

2016 GROWING SEASON:

The 2016 growing season in Anderson Valley was characterized by early rain and bud break, moderate summertime temperatures, and early harvest. We always start harvest in Donnelly Creek Vineyard, given its close proximity to Boonville, and 2016 was no exception. Though temps crept up in late August, we allowed the grapes the time they needed to ripen before our first pick on August 29. A week later, we harvested Ridge at Valley Foothills on my birthday, September 6th [and what a way to celebrate, night picking grapes and trucking them into the winery as the sun rose!] We then got a bit of a break before bringing the precious Wiley Vineyard Pinot Noir into the winery.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

From the far reaches of Mendocino, this elegant wine is pure and suave. Ruby red color with aromas of strawberry, rhubarb, rose petal, raspberry, wild berry, woodsmoke, damp soil, pine, and red cherry. A soft, juicy entry delivers concentrated berry patch flavors, balanced by sappy and savory whole cluster-derived notes, with medium acidity and a supple, mineral-driven undertone. Fine-grained tannins join spice notes on the creamy, beautifully layered mid-palate. This balanced Pinot Noir has a great core of red fruit, stellar focus, just enough grip, and a complex finish.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

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HARVEST DATES:

August 29 and 30,
September 6, 14 and
22, 2016

RELEASE DATE:

January 1, 2018

ALCOHOL:

12.9%

PH:

3.43

TA:

6.2 g/L

AGED:

11 months in French and
Hungarian oak [33% New]

COOPERAGES:

Damy, Francois Freres,
Kadar, Rousseau, and
Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

4,201 6-packs

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift