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Wiley Vineyard

ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

2017



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Wiley Vineyard was planted in 1972 in the famed “Deep End”, the westernmost portion of Anderson Valley. Wiley is a true cool-climate site, resting on benchlands just nine miles from the Pacific Ocean. This vineyard is renowned for its bucolic setting and elegant, finessed wines from 40 year old vines. I am now honored and privileged to farm Wiley Vineyard, truly world-class terroir.

2017 GROWING SEASON:

The 2017 growing season in Anderson Valley was characterized by early, heavy rain and bud break, moderate summertime temperatures, and relatively early harvest. Late summer heat pushed the grapes to ripeness, though we were ready to harvest at precisely the right time. Though temperatures crept up in late August, we allowed the grapes the time they needed to ripen before harvesting Wiley Vineyard, between September 20 and 26, night picking grapes and trucking them into the winery as the sun rose each day. Grape yields were average and fruit quality was exceptional.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

This elegant wine is a study in balance and complexity. Ruby red color with exotic aromas of incense, Asian spice, white pepper, rose petal, and soil. Thrilling mocha, chocolate, mint, and maple syrup flavors all contribute to a rich and powerful wine that is built to last. Pure boysenberry, blueberry, and mandarin orange fruit join with tea leaf on the slightly chalky finish. The Wiley Vineyard bottling is accessible today yet it will age gracefully.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley

HARVEST DATES:

September 20 & 26, 2017

RELEASE DATE:

March 1, 2019

ALCOHOL:

12.5%

PH:

3.34

TA:

6.5 g/L

AGED:

10 months in French and Hungarian oak [30% New]

COOPERAGES:

Damy, Francois Freres, Kadar, Rousseau, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

448 6/750 mL



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