

## 2017 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

### FOR THE LOVE OF FARM AND FAMILY

We respect the land where our vineyards grow - it gives our family roots, a sense of place, and a connection to nature. It gives our wine an identity, a foundation, and individuality. Distinct soil and climate, coupled with our responsible farming practices, highlight our land through our vineyards and establish our wine's character every vintage. We do this to draw a connection back to the land while giving you a taste of estate and sustainably grown wines from our generational farm in Lodi, California.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2017 growing season marked the end of the drought with heavy winter rainfall that continued into the spring. Due to the rain, timely vineyard practices were crucial and we adapted our cultural techniques to maintain vine balance. Heat spikes during late August to mid-September required close attention to irrigation to ensure vine health. With the given weather, our winegrapes developed the required sugars, but full flavor maturation delayed our harvest. The wait was worth it and the outcome was a vintage that boasts bright and fresh whites with ideal levels of acidity and red wines that are showing good intensity and concentration.

### VINEYARD NOTES

Located in the Clarksburg region below sea level, our Pinot Noir vineyard's nutrients and water levels are continuously monitored to ensure the winegrapes develop strong flavors during the growing season. Together with cool breezes from San Francisco Bay that help preserve acidity in the ripening fruit, we are able to grow a balanced winegrape.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

A true handcrafted wine made in a Burgundian style with native-malolactic fermentation and ten months of neutral French oak barrel aging, our 2017 Pinot Noir is a wine with finesse. The aroma and flavors of cranberry and cherry cola with floral elements of lavender and rose create a welcoming balance. Finishing with a smooth texture, alongside structure and depth, make this a well-rounded wine.

### WINE STATISTICS

Varietal Pinot Noir  
Appellation California  
Vintage 2017  
Alcohol 14%  
Winemaker David Akiyoshi  
Winegrowers LangeTwins Family  
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